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Manchuria Isolated: Harbin Now Reported to be Occupied.

EXACT SITUATION A MYSTERY.

GENEVA REPORT OF 'RED' SUPPORT.

DEADLOCK PARLEY.

JAPANESE CONTROL of communications in Manchuria seems to be effectively preventing information of the present situation, though startling rumours are in circulation. Yesterday it was persistently reported that grave anti-Japanese disturbances had occurred at Harbin. No more has been heard directly, but the Chinese delegation at Geneva has informed the League that Japanese troops have since occupied Harbin.

Japan's refusal to admit the right of the League to intervene caused an anxious conference at Geneva yesterday lasting until nine o'clock in the evening. Mr. Stimson has endorsed the attitude of the League. It is reported that the Japanese military authorities in Manchuria are being backed by Russia and that the Soviet Minister for War has left for Manchuria by air. This latter report has been denied in Moscow.

FOOD CRISIS IN MUKDEN.

Damage to the extent of over \$1,000 was caused during demonstrations in the Wanchai district last night when a mob of Chinese, stoned Japanese shops.

According to reports to the police, eight shops, all in Johnson Road, were attacked. The most serious were at No. 64 and No. 70, where the damage is estimated at about \$400 in each instance. At No. 62 and No. 84 the damage was stated to be about \$100 while the occupier of No. 50 informed the police that his loss was \$80. In the other three cases the damage was small.

This morning, armed police pickets were out in the Wanchai district and other centres where there are Japanese shops, in order to prevent any recurrence of the trouble.

Last night's disorders were participated in by a large crowd of Chinese, who freely threw bricks and stones through the windows of Japanese shops and in several instances shattered the window-frames as well. Eventually, with the arrival of the police emergency squad, the situation was ended, and four lads were taken into custody and detained.

Tension at Geneva.

Geneva, Sept. 23. There was an air of tension in League circles today, everything being dominated by the Sino-Japanese conflict.

A rather dramatic scene was witnessed this evening. A large crowd had gathered in the Council Room at 6.45 p.m. for a public meeting to hear what progress had been made regarding the Sino-Japanese incident.

Dr. Alfred Sze, the Chinese Ambassador to Britain, and the leading Chinese delegate, had just seated himself when he received a message which caused him to jump up suddenly, snatch up his papers and leave the room.

The action aroused considerable speculation and it was later learned that he had been summoned to join a private conference of the Big Four (Lord Cecil, Dr. Curzon, Signor Grandi, and the French representative), with Senor Lerroux, the President of the Council and the Japanese representative.

Public Meeting Postponed.

It was then announced that the public meeting would be postponed, and in the Lobbies, the report leaked out that the Japanese representative had been instructed to refuse a League inquiry into the Manchuria incident.

It is also reported that the Japanese military authorities in Manchuria are being backed by Russia.

The private sitting of leading members of the Council broke up at 9 p.m. having lasted for two hours. No solution of the problem was reached.

Japanese Contribution.

The Japanese delegate made a statement to the Council describing the events in Manchuria up to Monday, and added that his Government was doing its utmost not to aggravate the situation.

It is authoritatively denied that Dr. Alfred Sze will make a statement at to-morrow's plenary sitting of the Assembly.

It is understood that the Chinese delegation have received from their Government at Nanking to-day, telegrams indicating that the Japanese have occupied Harbin.

The telegrams have been communicated to the Secretary-General of the League, with a request that they should be circulated to members of the Council.—*Reuter*.

Russian War Minister.

Moscow, Sept. 23. Reports that M. Voroshilov, the Commissar for War, has left for the East by air, are denied by the Tass Agency, which asserts that he attended military manoeuvres in Moscow to-day.—*Reuter*.

U.S. Attitude.

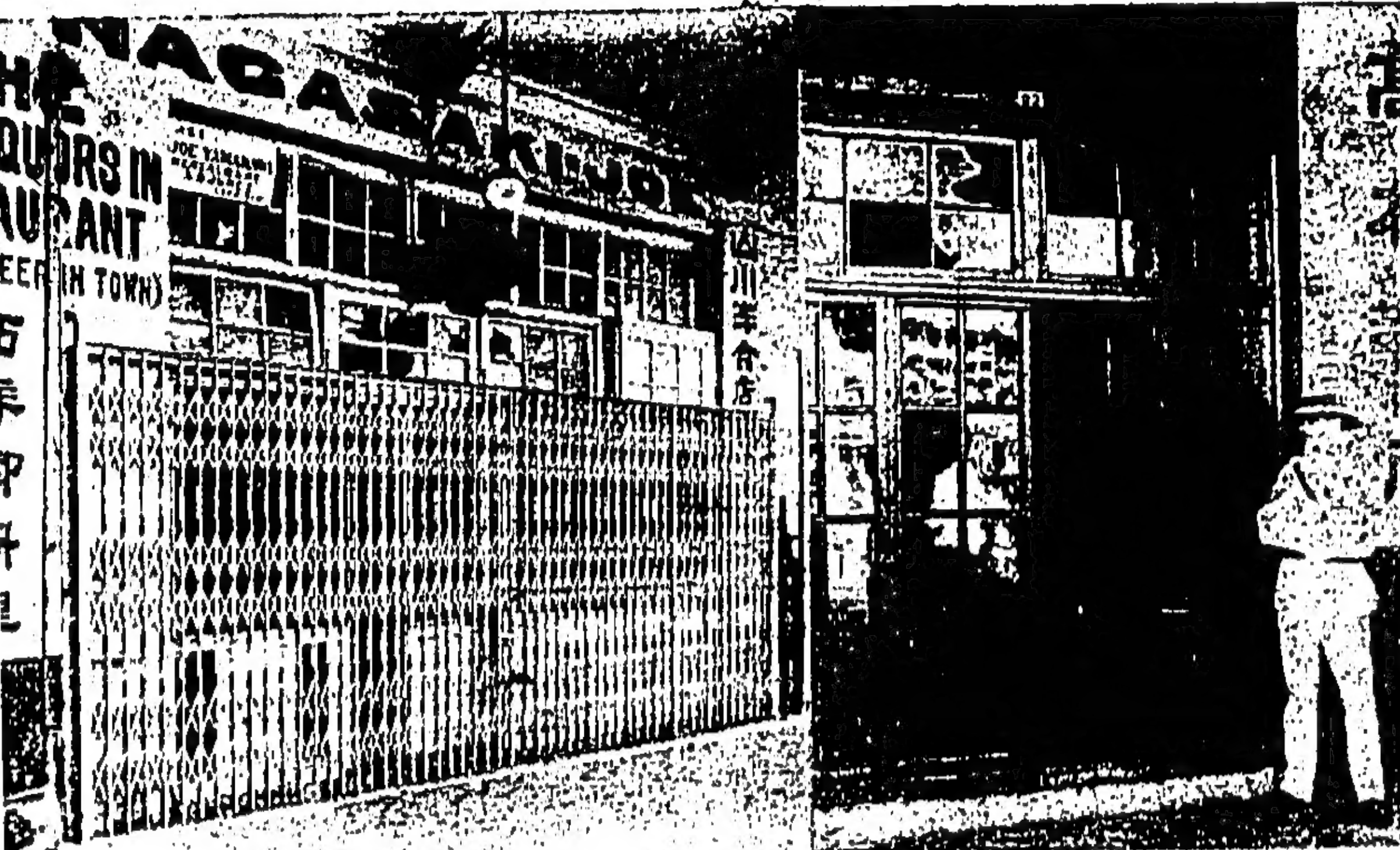
Washington, Sept. 23. Mr. H.L. Stimson has communicated to Geneva assurances of America's support of the attitude of the League towards the Sino-Japanese trouble in Manchuria.

Mr. Stimson's Note says he has already urged the cessation of hostilities and a withdrawal from the present danger-point. He would continue earnestly to work for the restoration of peace.

He was despatching a Note in similar terms to the Japanese and Chinese Governments.—*Reuter's American Service*.

Startling Report.

Shanghai, Sept. 24. Newspaper correspondents at Mukden have telegraphed stating that Chinese casualties during and since the Japanese occupation are estimated to exceed 5,000, half of which were civilians. There are clashes on (Continued on Page 7.)



Eight Japanese shops were attacked during last night's demonstrations. Picture on left shows the now well-defended premises of Nagasaki Inn, who suffered considerable damage. Right, a European Sergeant on guard outside No. 92, Johnson Road

EXTENSION OF THE MORATORIUM.

GERMANY MUST MAKE FIRST MOVE.

New York, Sept. 23. Though President Hoover, on reports from Mr. Andrew Mellon, the Federal Treasurer, believes that a two-years' extension of his war debts moratorium is inevitable, he is of opinion that Germany should take the initiative in obtaining an extension from the Allies under the Young Plan.

Then the Allies could take up the matter of War Debts with the United States.—*Reuter's American Service*.

Scientific Spate.

THREE HUNDRED PAPERS.

London, Sept. 23. General Smuts, to-day elected hundredth President of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, delivered the main address of the Association at the Central Hall to-day, giving "A Scientific World Picture of To-day."

Science, he declared, was the dominant factor in the industrial and economic situation, and the further penetration of science into every avenue of human activity was the main hope of future advance.

The famous South African leader received a tremendous ovation at the conclusion of the address. Over 6,000 scientists are attending the annual gathering and some 300 papers will be read during course of the meeting of the various sections of the Association in the next few days. General Smuts made his second speech of the day at the opening of the Faraday Centenary Exhibition, at which the company listened to a speech of American greetings, relayed by wireless from New York.—*Reuter and British Wireless*.

KINGSFORD SMITH EFFORT.

OUT FOR A FRESH RECORD.

Wyndham, Sept. 23. Wing-Commander Kingsford Smith took off from here to-day at 2 a.m. in an attempt to beat the record for an Australia-England flight. The conditions were perfect.—*Reuter*.

BARONET SENT TO ASSIZES.

£23,000 FRAUD CHARGES.

THE TREASURY'S WARNINGS.

London, Sept. 23. Sir Arthur Wheeler, who is seventy years of age, and George Victor Smith (44), formerly a partner in the firm of Arthur Wheeler and Company, noted Leicester stock and share brokers, were to-day committed for trial at Leicester Assizes, says *Reuter*.

They are facing 26 charges alleging fraudulent conversion of about £23,000, in sums ranging from £100 to £1,000, and £100 to £3,000 to them by various people to buy War Loan and Conversion stock.

The preliminary hearing in the Leicester Police Court before the Lord Mayor (Councillor Currier) has lasted since July 29.

War Loan Offer.

Mr. Palling, who prosecuted, said that Wheeler and Co. on November 5, 1929, issued circulars inviting holders of War Loan stock to convert their holdings into Conversion Stock at a fee of 2s. 6d. per £100.

Holders of War Loan were prohibited from converting unless they could purchase an equal amount of Conversion Stock. Arthur Wheeler and Company had daily transactions with the Bank of England in the purchase and sale of Government stock, and all their stock was held in the name of a nominee.

"Instead of Wheeler and Company converting War Loan Stock (Continued on Page 12.)"

BRITAIN AND ARMS FOR CHINA.

BAN ON INSURANCE REQUESTED.

London, Sept. 23. With a view to checking banditry in China, the Foreign Office has requested Lloyd's to refuse to issue policies covering shipments of arms and ammunition destined for China.

Lloyd's are asked to avoid insurance either directly or indirectly through re-insurance treaties with Continental markets.—*Reuter*.

'COUNTESS' IN DOCK.

FLYING VISITS TO COLONY.

Expulsion Order Granted.

The efforts of an attractive-looking woman over a number of years, to secure permission to reside in Hongkong, leading to investigations by the Hongkong Government and the Ministry for Foreign Affairs at Bangkok, finally terminated by a refusal and an order of expulsion by both Governments, were detailed at the Central Police Court to-day.

The central figure in the drama is a beautiful young Russian divorcee, who, while being known as the Countess Chios, is also referred to by a number of other aliases.

It was as Olga Bulanova that she became known to the local Police authorities and under that name she was charged before the Magistrate (Mr. Williams) to-day with entering the Colony unlawfully without a valid passport. She arrived here yesterday from Canton by the s.s. Taishan.

Case Delayed.

The case was to have been called earlier on in the morning, but after Mr. L. H. V. Booth, Assistant Director of the Criminal Intelligence Department, and other Police Officials had assembled, it was discovered that the defendant was not in Court. It was then stated that the woman had given notice that she would seek legal advice, and on the presumption that she was thus engaged, the case was held over, a decision being made that if she failed to put in an appearance by 1 p.m. a bail of \$100 she had deposited with the Police would be forfeited.

However, at 10.30 a.m. the Countess appeared before the Magistrate, fashionably dressed in a dark costume with the latest style "bowler" hat, set at a rakish style. She was not legally represented.

The Magistrate on being informed by Mr. Booth that "Miss" Bulanova spoke English explained the charge to her and asked if she understood it and whether it was correct. She replied in the affirmative, adding that she came down here "for business."

The Magistrate:—For business? Why didn't you have a passport? Bulanova:—Because I cannot have a passport. It is very difficult for us Russian people to have passports. The Assistant Director of (Continued on Page 7.)

MIDAS ON THE GOLD-HEAPS. M. P. Urges the Monetization of Silver.

LEAVE FRANCE AND U. S. SITTING ON GOLD.

"NEARLY EVERY COUNTRY WOULD FOLLOW BRITAIN."

A SUGGESTION in the House of Commons that Britain should set out to smash the gold standard and perhaps leave America and France, who have cornered the world's gold, sitting Midas-like on their heaps of the yellow metal, is a significant reminder of the inherent truth of the statement of a "Telegraph" correspondent yesterday that the world has stumbled into a great financial war.

Mr. J. S. Wardlaw-Milne, the Conservative Member for Kidderminster, during the debate on the emergency budget, made a strong plea for the monetization of silver.

"Nearly every country," he said, "will follow Great Britain."

Meanwhile, Britain's departure from the gold standard has had a stimulating effect on the London Stock Exchange. Industrial shares exhibited a strong upward movement and British Funds were firm.

The local exchange market to-day was unsettled and demoralised. Silver at the close yesterday was up 7/8ths in London on Chinese and Indian buying. China speculators later sold on the rise. The tone was very uncertain at the close. The Hongkong dollar opened to-day officially at 1s. 1 1/4d. and remained unchanged, but Chinese speculators sold as high as 1s. 2 1/4d. Shanghai speculators are still selling.

All cross-rates went against London yesterday, with the exception of Copenhagen where sterling is above parity.

FINANCE BILL DEBATED.

London, Sept. 23. There is no quicker way of getting world-wide Free Trade than by the adoption of tariffs by Great Britain!

This was the argument in favour of Protection advanced by Conservative back-benchers in the House of Commons to-night, when the second reading of the Finance Bill was moved by Mr. Philip Snowden.

The second reading was opposed for the Labour Party by Mr. Ethelred Lawrence, the former Financial Secretary to the Treasury, on the grounds that it inflicted disproportionate hardships on those least able to bear the new taxes.

Restriction of Imports.

The debate was characterised by a vigorous speech by Sir John Simon, in support of the Government. Sir John declared what was wanted was an intelligent and discriminating restriction of imports.

Other speakers, in support of the Bill, emphasised the need for a determined policy to keep the budget balanced in view of the departure from the gold standard.

Mr. Wardlaw Milne, pleading for the monetization of silver, said that nearly every country would follow Britain, and perhaps leave America and France sitting Midas-like on their gold heaps.

The time-table passed by the House last night provided for a division on the second reading to-night and the debate was thus abruptly terminated. The division resulted in a majority of 59 for the Government, 297-voting for the second reading and 238 against.

To-morrow and Friday, the Commons will take the committee stage of the Bill.

Another Labourite Turns Over.

Another Labour member, Mr. Derwent Hall Cain, a son of the (Continued on Page 7.)

into Sir Hall Cain, has decided to support the National Government.

STOCK EXCHANGE BUOYANCY.

A STEADY RISING TENDENCY.

The London Stock Markets finished their first day's business since Saturday in a cheerful and active mood.

There had been an almost record attendance of members on the Exchange and dealings were conducted free of all restrictions—a policy which was more than justified by the steady and buoyant tone displayed.

Practically all the markets showed general advances.

British Funds.

The leading British Funds, in accordance with expectations, opened generally at about three points down on Saturday's dealings, but they closed decidedly firmer with:

War Loan, five per cent. at 96 (100 5/16ths on Sept. 2)
Consolidated, four per cent. at 83 1/2 (87 1/2 on Sept. 2)
Conversions, 3 1/2 per cent. at 73 3/4 (77 on Sept. 2)
Conversions, 5 per cent. at 89 (102 1/2 on Sept. 2)
Funding Loan, 4 per cent. at 85 1/2 (90 on Sept. 2)
Victory Bonds, 4 per cent. at 92 (92).

An outstanding feature of the day's business was the substantial rise in the majority of industrial securities. These were caused not only by bear covering, but by a considerable volume of buying orders recorded throughout the home industrial group. Iron and steel and textile shares took the lead in this department.

The commodity markets reflected general strength as did also the metal market.

In the leading foreign centres (Continued on Page 7.)

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**RAISING SPIRITS
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**STRANGE STORY TOLD
IN COURT.**

How a spirit was raised from "the Tenth Hell," how a fairy was expected to join a seance and how a police inspector walked in instead was described in an unusual case before Mr. Williams at the Central Police Court yesterday, when Yam Ching-yam, a Chinese woman who claims to have psychic powers, was charged with fortune-telling. With two others, a man and his wife, who were her employers, she was also charged with being concerned in the maintenance and management of an unregistered temple at 387, Hennessy Road, Wanchai. All three accused were charged with conspiracy to defraud a man named Ho Wai-lam.

Mr. F. X. d'Almada, Snr. appeared for Yam Ching-yam, and Mr. H. K. Woo for Tam Siu-wai and Tam Yeung-sze, the two other accused.

Inspector John Murphy detailed the case as follows: The woman Yam Ching-yam was employed as an amah by the other two defendants who were husband and wife. They all lived at No. 387, where they kept the joss-temple complained of.

A witness, Ho Wai-lam, a shop-keeper, would tell the Court that on the 23rd of last month he went to the address as the result of the woman Yam's reputation as a fortune-teller being much bruited about. There he had a consultation, and was told by the woman that he had but six years to live—he was now 32. However he was given hope that the gods or powers that are could be prevailed upon to show compassion and prolong his life—provided of course that he believed in her medium. He declared that he did. As a first step in the ritual to follow, he was told to get a gold ring with her name inscribed thereon.

Too Much to Drink.
Two days afterwards, on the 25th, in response to an invitation, extended it is alleged, in conjunction with Tam Yeung-sze (who here for the first time, entered into the case), Ho Wai-lam again visited the address, when another man named Kwok Choo was present as well, and joined in a big feast in which more intoxicants were drunk, said Inspector Murphy, than were good for them. The feast was prolonged until the early hours of the morning.

On the 3rd of this month, as a result of a conversation over the telephone, Ho Wai-lam once more went to the house, when the matter of the ring was again raised. He promised to bring it the next day, but in the meantime was induced to part with a sum of \$20, which the woman Yam said was required for the purpose of conducting joss-worship.

That same night Ho Wai-lam returned home and told his friends how he had been spending his money. They were quick in telling him that he had been swindled, and the next day he was led to call on Inspector Murphy at the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs. Inspector Murphy continued: I gave him a \$5 bill which I had marked with a pencil, and told him to go to the house. If he were asked for any money, he was to give the \$5 bill. I told him to take the promised ring also to the house.

Not What They Expected.
"I sent a district watchman, disguised, with him. They went into the house as arranged, and he (Ho Wai-lam) will tell your Worship that as he went in, he was asked by the other woman, Tam Yeung-sze, to give her a lai see, that is to say, a ceremonial gift of money. He produced the marked \$5 bill, which she wrapped in a piece of red paper after having written on it, at her suggestion, the characters Long Life and Prosperity. The banknote in its red wrapping was then hung up on a paper tree planted on the sacrificial table on the verandah.

MODERN BABYLON SOON TO RISE.



The Babylonian magnificence of the projected Rockefeller Building in New York is indicated by this architect's drawing. Note the sunken plaza, studded with a 30-foot central fountain, smaller fountains, statuary, grass, flowers, and mosaic pavements, which is to cover an acre of ground. Three of the most important units of the project, soon to be constructed, are a 65-story office building, nearly half a million square feet larger than any other building in the world; the International Music Hall, which is to be the world's largest theatre; and a capacious talking picture theatre.

The woman Tam Yeung-sze then suggested that he gave a lai see for herself and the amah. He gave two silver dollars which were also put into separate packets.

Inspector Murphy continuing, said that all the three accused were present when Ho Wai-lam next handed over the ring. The district watchman, whose identity had so far remained unknown to them was a close observer of what took place. He too, asked for his fortune to be told, but was put off, the woman Yam proceeding to occupy herself with certain cabalistic doings. Finally she cried out "The fairy would soon be coming." "A few minutes afterwards," added Inspector Murphy, "I walked in." This remark caused a general laugh in Court.

Queer Request.
"When I went in," resumed Inspector Murphy, "I found the ring and the two silver dollars on the table. The \$5 bill was hanging on the tree. The altar was lighted up with candles, and there were roasted fowls and other things on the sacrificial table. I went there by virtue of a warrant issued by Mr. Hallifax under the Ordinance."

Referring to certain other articles mentioned in the charges, Inspector Murphy said he had overlooked a pair of trousers and a singlet. It was a rather unusual request for a lady, but the allegation would be that the woman Yam did ask the man Ho to buy her a pair of trousers and singlet. He bought her only the singlet. Valued at 94 cents, this was produced as an exhibit.

After Ho Wai-lam had given evidence in support of the Police statement, Mr. F. X. d'Almada, Snr., cross-examined, said: Did you ask the defendant (Yam Ching-yam) if she could be a medium to speak with your deceased father?

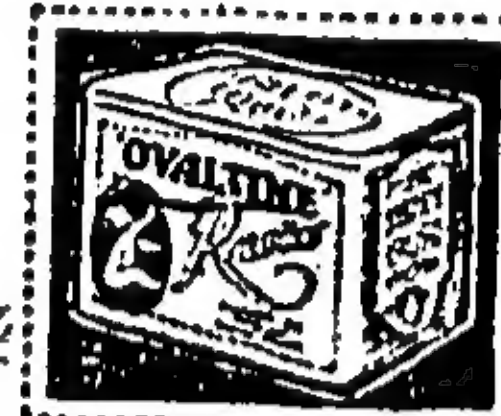
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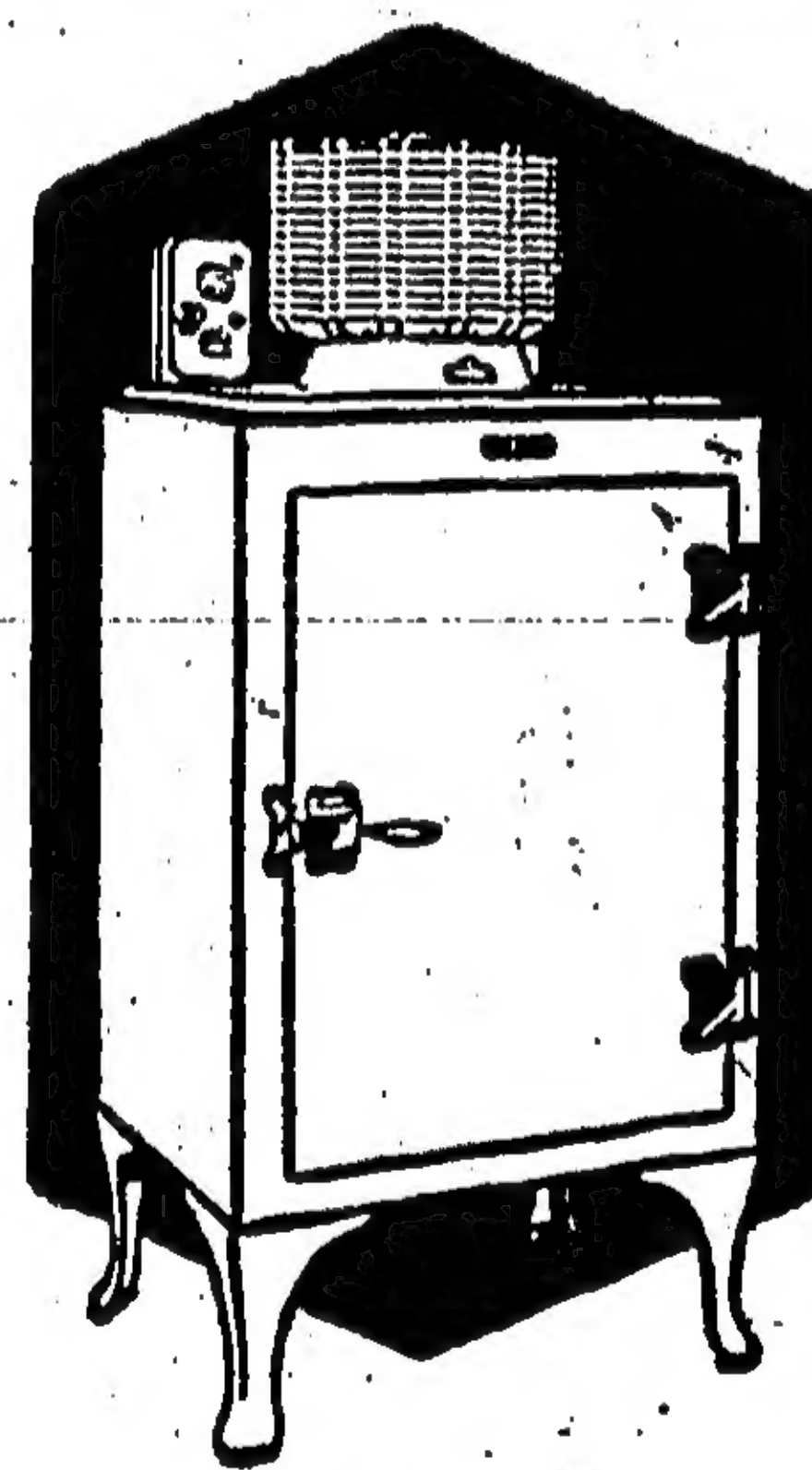


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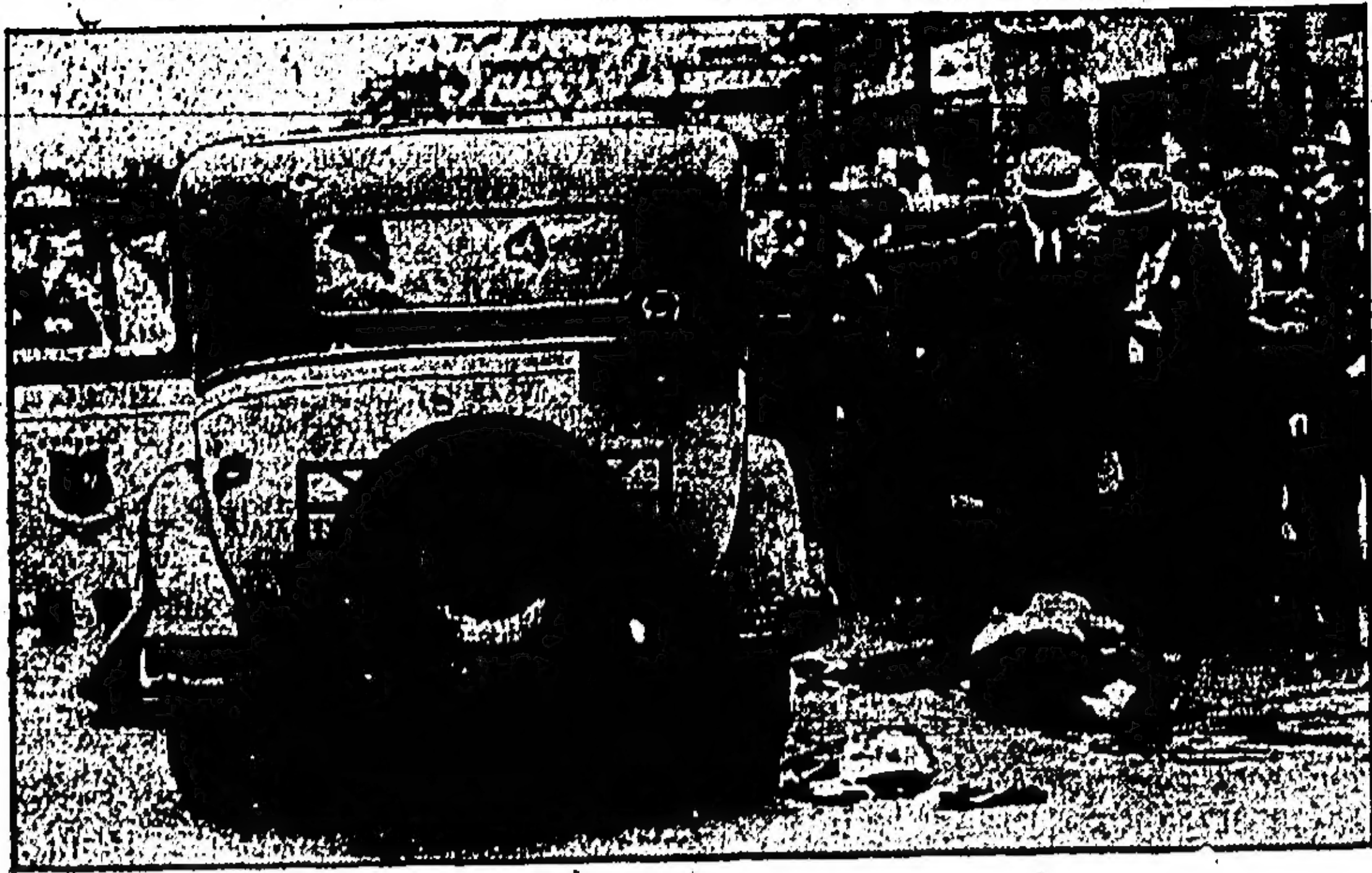
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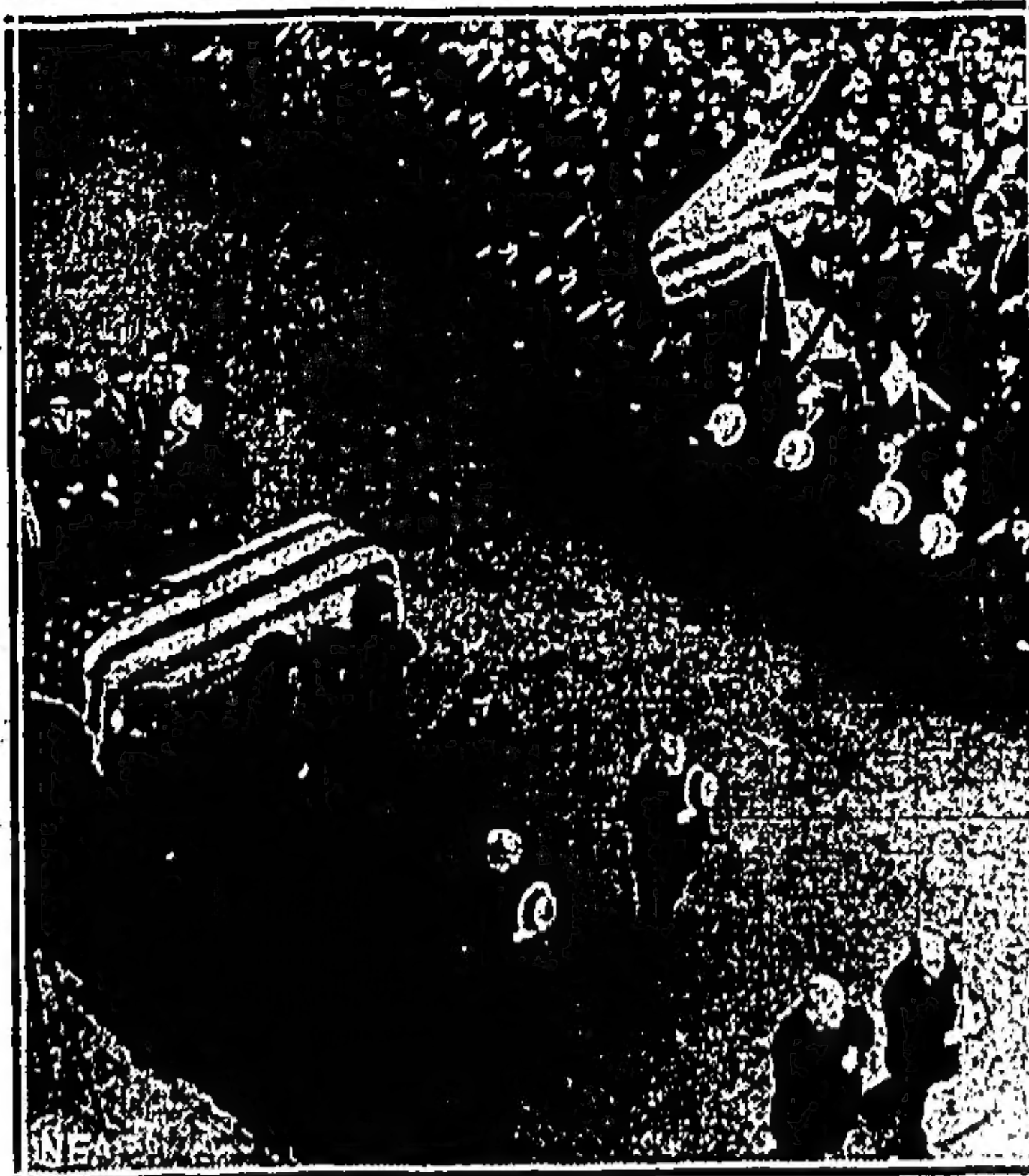
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The funeral of one of the police victims of the dastardly machine-gun attack by New York gangsters.

Heart of Liane

by MABEL McELLIOTT

CHAPTER XXXII

Kelly was valuable on the return trip. "A thumb tack it was in the tyre," Miss Liane told Liane. "Looked as if someone had jugged it in. Funny."

She scarcely listened to the man's talk. Van's words came back to haunt her. What right had he to say such things to her? Not once in the months she had known him had he given her any tangible evidence of his love. Words, words, all meaningless! It was to Muriel, the girl of his own world, that his fealty had been pledged. She, Liane, had remained outside the chosen circle, until Clive had raised her up with his honest devotion.

Some men were like that, she decided. You had no value until you were promised to another. She tried to work up a furious anger in her heart against Van. Better a clean rage than this sickly yearning after a man who could be so savagely bitter toward her.

She realized suddenly that she had forgotten to telephone her mother. The whole day had been a muddle.

She went straight to Mrs. Cleopatra. "We had a breakdown and Mr. Robard came along. He drove me into town for my appointment. I was just in time."

"How fortunate," Mrs. Cleopatra said warmly. "How is the dress? I am so anxious to see it."

"It's perfect," Liane said honestly. "Scarcely anything was wrong. Oh, the sleeves were not quite tight enough. Miss Lilly says it will be ready next week."

"The notices are ready for the papers—all but the date," Mrs. Cleopatra told her. "Clive said you might decide that while he was away. I was hoping we might make it Christmas Eve. St. Simon's will be lovely then."

Liane thought a little wildly that they might be making arrangements for a luncheon or a dinner instead of so important an event as a wedding.

"That would be all right," she said quietly.

The old lady looked at her with calm satisfaction. "The 24th then," she said. "I think we will have the chance banked with pins and I want mince for the altar vases. It may be hard to get it but I shall try."

"She is enjoying this wedding more than I am," reflected the young girl. Yet she entered into the plans as completely as she could. Anything to still the dull ache in her heart.

"What was the trouble with the car?" the old lady inquired presently.

Liane welcomed the diversion. "Kelly said a thumb tack had worked its way into the rear tyre," she explained.

Mrs. Cleopatra sniffed. "How very odd. He was supposed to take all four tyres off yesterday and look them over carefully. Two of them are brand new. And you say it happened just a short distance out of the village?"

Liane nodded. The old lady looked annoyed. "I shall have to reprimand Kelly. He must have disregarded my orders about overhauling the car yesterday."

It was on the tip of Liane's tongue to say, "Van took me to luncheon," but she refrained. She scarcely knew why.

At dinner that night Tressa was unusually gay. Liane had not

known she could be so cheerful, so amusing. "I think I'll push off for Alkon next week. Eva," Tressa said affably over the coffee cups.

Mrs. Cleopatra looked at her benevolently. Evidently Tressa had won her way back into her hostess's affections since the coolness the night of the ball.

"If you must," the older woman said, "but I did hope you might stay for the wedding."

"Oh, is that all settled?" Tressa asked. Her bell-like tones were utterly guileless, but Liane felt a sharpness in the gaze Tressa turned upon her.

"Christmas Eve it's to be," said the old lady, smiling. "The papers will have it to-morrow. Very quiet, of course. No maids. Liane wanted it that way."

"Ah!" Tressa's monosyllable was noncommittal. "Well then perhaps I'll impose on you for a short while longer."

"You never impose," the old lady insisted graciously. Yet Liane felt she was relieved that Tressa was going at last. Mrs. Amberton had departed the day before for the south and her sister had made some excuse for lingering.

"I always have such a beautiful time here, Eva, and you're all so good to me," Tressa murmured. "It feels somehow like home."

—It feels somehow like home. She allowed the suggestion of a tremor to creep into her voice. The faintest suggestion of moisture filmed her lovely eyes for an instant.

Mrs. Cleopatra gave evidence of being touched. "It is your home as long as you care to make it that, my dear," she assured Tressa Lord. And this time Liane knew she was not mistaken in the quality of the look Tressa gave her.

There was triumph there. And a queer, little spark of amusement.

Liane went upstairs early, pleading weariness. For a long time she sat in her dressing gown before the fire, staring into the flames, trying to piece out a pattern from her confused and painful thoughts. Was she wrong to go forward in her determination to marry Clive? She had been promised to him, before all the world. And was there any spectacle so painful, she wondered, as a jilted man? Ah, perhaps the jilted girl was as sorry a sight.

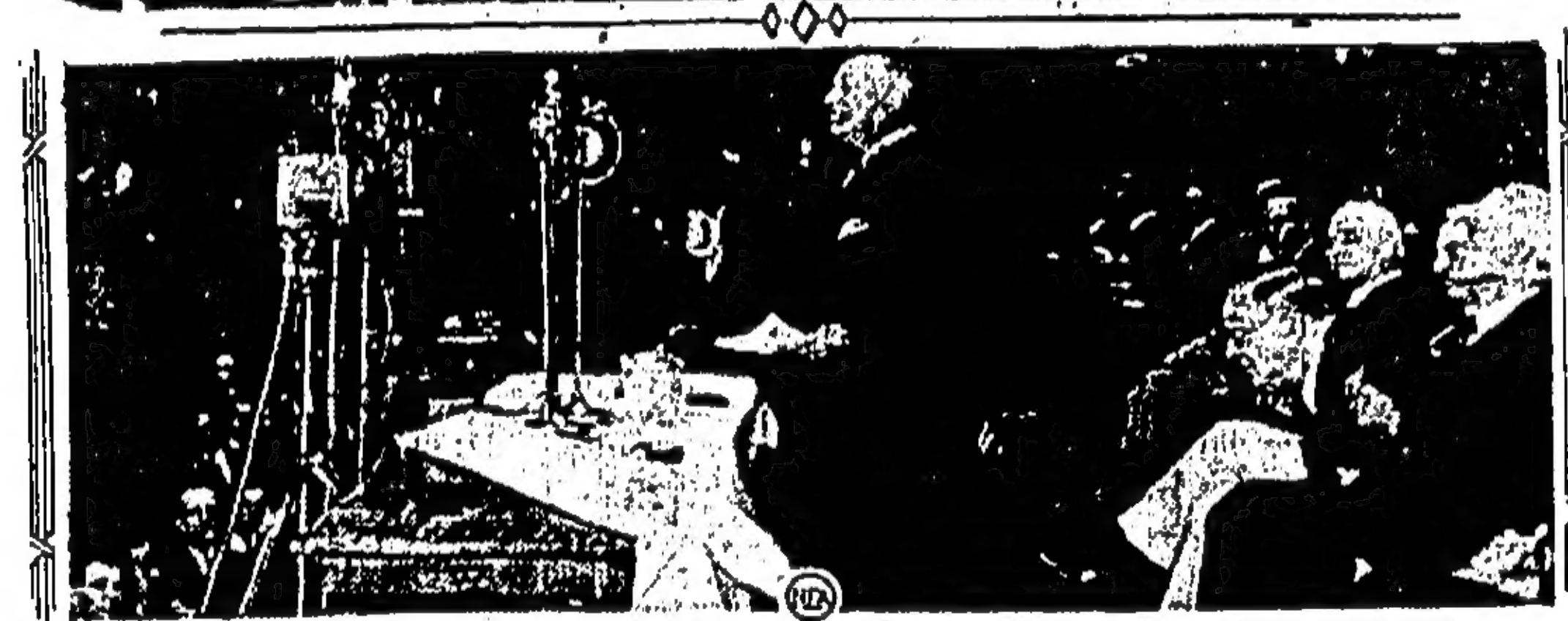
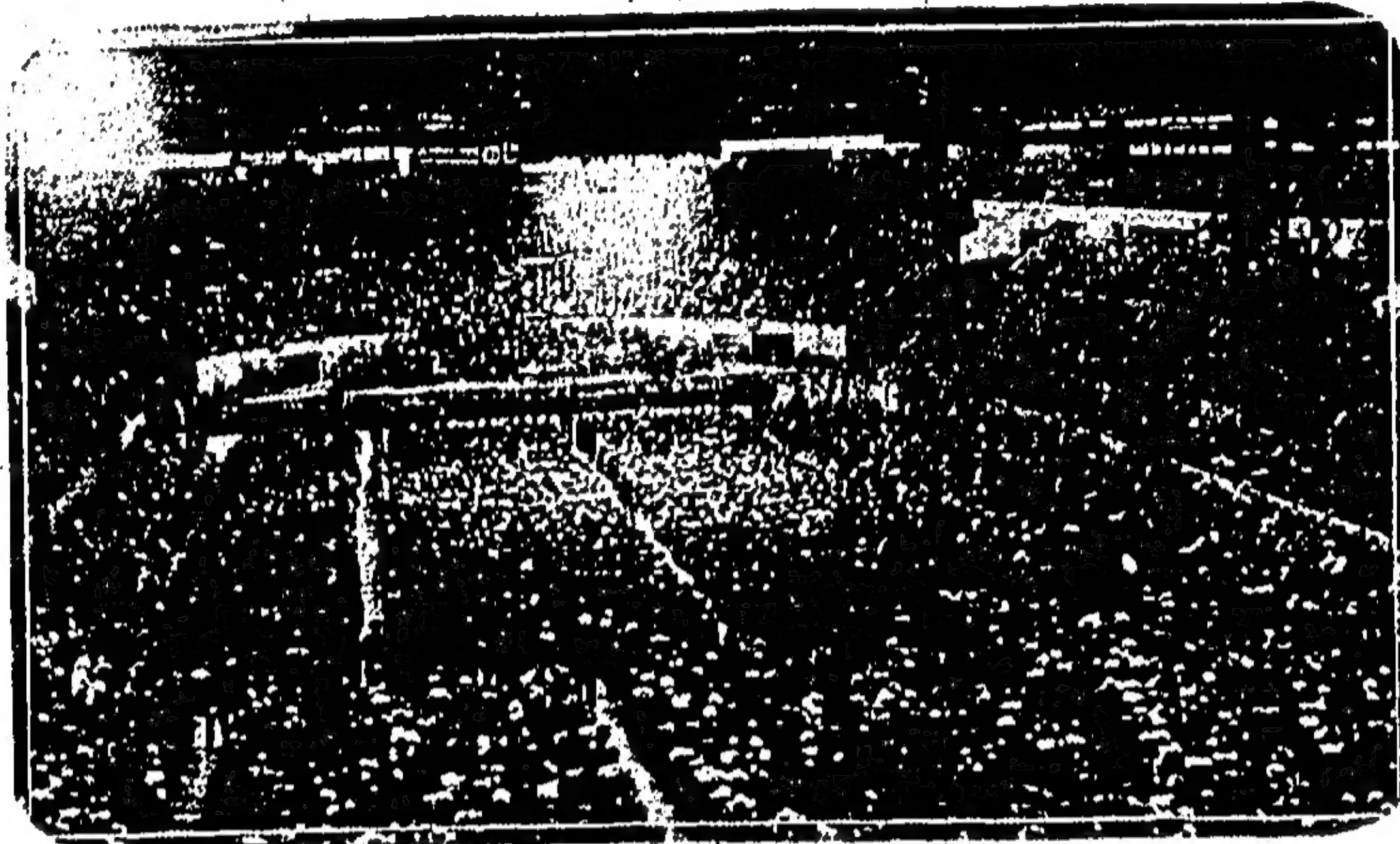
Well, she would not jilt Clive. He was fine and honourable, handsome and good. He was fond of her as she was of him. They would make of their marriage a clean, noble partnership. They might miss the thrills of romantic love but they would have companionship. They would share jokes, read books together.

She looked ahead of her down the years and something about the calm prospect made her shudder. "I may live for 40 or 50 years," she thought. "I may never really know love. I shall have missed the only thing that matters."

But what could she do? Van was bound and even if he had not been obviously his protestations meant nothing. No, he was not to be depended on. It was her ill fortune that that dark, sombre charm of his had captured her fancy. Liane sighed.

Her telephone rang and she answered it. Oh, the wild hope that sprang in her heart at the sound of that bell! What if, answering, she might hear that deep, beloved voice!

But it was Cass who called. "Darling, I waited in because I thought you'd give me a ring."



Photos above show a crowd of 20,000 assembled in Madison Square Garden to voice their protests against gang rule and organized crime in New York, a direct outcome of the outrage recorded above. Twenty thousand others were unable to gain admission. Lower picture shows Senator Wagner addressing the gathering and calling for "unintended force" in the war on crime.

Liane was all contrition. "I'm so sorry. I tried to get you and the line was busy." She hated to fib but she could not let her mother know the truth.

"Ah, that's too bad. How do things go?"

"Splendidly. Are you coming out Sunday? I've a lot to tell you."

"I'll try. I'm rushed to death with rehearsals and everything. My part's a walkway."

"Oh, I'll be out. Don't worry. Good night, dear."

As Liane placed the telephone back in its cradle a soft knock sounded on the door. Nora's head appeared.

"Is Miss Tressa downstairs still?" The servants all liked Liane. "She's that human," they said. They feared and avoided Tressa.

"I think she is," Liane told the maid. "Is there something I can do?"

"I thought I'd just slip in her room and get me a box of thumb tacks. They belong to the butler's pantry and I have to put new oil-cloth on the shelves to-morrow. I'll be needing it."

"Oh, I'm quite sure that will be all right," Liane told her faintly.

The pattern was all clear before her now. Tressa had arranged the blowing of the tyre. She had doubtless telephoned Van. That explained much.

"She knows," thought Liane, curiously afraid. "She knows I am in love with him."

Innocent as the encounter had been, Liane's sense of guilt remained. She almost hated Tressa for what she believed to be her part in the affair. When Clive came home she longed for courage to tell him about it. Once when they were out driving she tried to form the words but was seized with such a fit of shivering that he turned to her with real solicitude. "Don't believe that wrap of yours is warm enough."

"Silly. I'm like toast." She gave him her small gloved hand to

prove it.

"You ought to have saibles," Clive told her gravely, though his eyes were dancing. "If you weren't such a prim young woman you might have them this moment."

The girl's gaze reproved him. "I can't take any more from you. I've already accepted too much."

Clive's smile faded. "Never mind. After next week you will have half of everything I own."

She shook her head. "I can't believe it. It still seems unreal."

"It's not, though. It's the real thing in the world."

He drove for a few minutes in silence. "There's something I want to say to you," he said soberly. "I don't want you to worry about it. It's of no consequence, but I think you ought to know."

Her heart missed a beat. "What is it?"

He was feeling in the pocket of his coat under the thick folds of fur. "I received an anonymous letter this morning," he said, looking straight ahead. "God knows who wrote the filthy thing. I don't and I don't want to know. It's the sort of thing insane people do."

Liane discovered her hands were gripped together desperately.

"What does it say?" she managed to ask.

For reply he laid the letter on her lap. She touched it as if it were a live thing, unclean. The words were typewritten. "Your girl is in love with somebody else. Ask her how far it's gone. Don't take second-hand goods."

She felt the blood pounding in her temples. She thought her face must be scarlet.

"Oh! she choked."

Quickly he said, "You don't need to tell me. I know. No one needs to tell me you're the best—the finest."

His voice broke utterly.

Liane said very softly, "About the first—you ought to know. There is someone I deeply care about. Oh, it's nothing more than a dream. He's scarcely touched my hand."



Miss Aleene McFarland, who was married in London recently to Prince Johann von zu Lichenstein.

"I know. I've known from the start."

She cast a frightened, sidewise look at him. "How could you?"

He laughed, shortly. "Oh, there's something about love. With some people it's like a tangible force. Like a wind blowing. You can feel it. I knew you felt that for him. No wonder! He's always been the sort of man women fall for."

Liane said slowly, "It wasn't anything I wanted—or asked for. It just happened. It's like a spell. I want to shake it off and cannot."

"Don't I know!" the youth said with a note of bitterness.

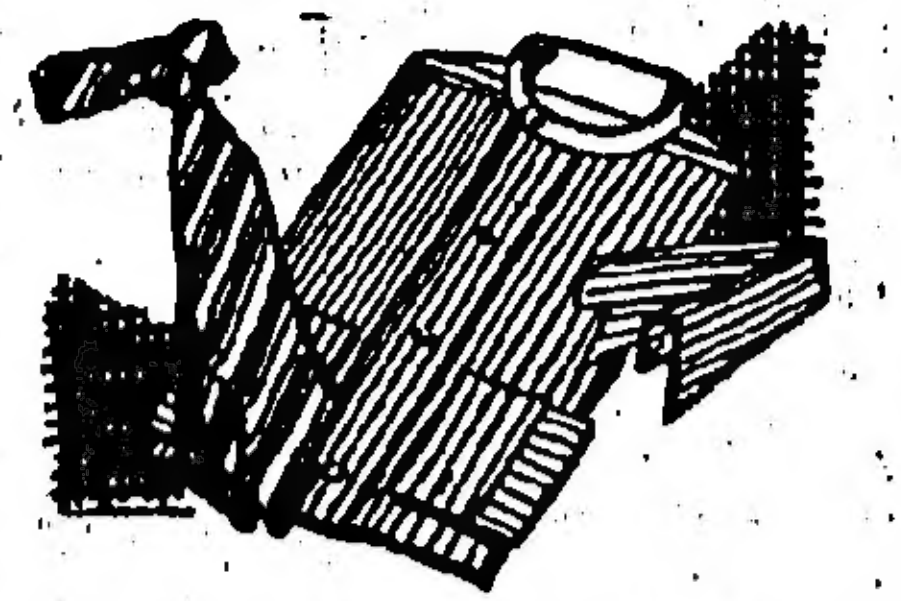
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New Advertisements.

HONG KONG HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of the above Society will be held at the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on Thursday, 8th October, 1931, at 5.15 p.m.

J. T. BAGRAM,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, 24th September, 1931.

HONG KONG AMUSEMENTS, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Tenth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the QUEEN'S THEATRE, Queen's Road, Central, on **WEDNESDAY, 30th SEPTEMBER, 1931, at NOON**, for the purposes following, namely:—

- To receive and consider the Annual Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the Year ended 31st March, 1931.
- To elect retiring Directors and Auditors.
- To sanction the Declaration of a Dividend.
- To transact any other Ordinary Business of the Company.

The **TRANSFER BOOKS** of the Company will be **CLOSED** from the 27th to the 30th day of **SEPTEMBER, 1931**, both days inclusive.

Dated the 22nd day of September, 1931.

By Order of the Board,
CHAS. S. ROSSELET,
Secretary.

THE HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

The Eighth Extra Race Meeting will be held (weather permitting) at Happy Valley on Saturday, 26th September, 1931, commencing at 2 p.m.

The first bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

Members are notified that they and their Ladies must wear their Badges prominently displayed. No one without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5 for Gentlemen and \$3 for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the Secretary upon introduction by a member, such member to be responsible for payment of all debts, etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will not be on sale at the Race Course.

Members can obtain upon application to the Secretary Badges (limited to ONE) for the free admission to the Members' Enclosure of wives, lady relatives and friends. Names must be stated when applying.

On no pretext will children be permitted in either Enclosure during the Meeting.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$2 including tax for all persons including ladies and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in uniform are admitted half price.

Bookmakers, Tic Tac Men, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of The Hongkong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Tickets will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Hongkong, 21st September, 1931.



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G. 2542 R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 28th day of September, 1931, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of Crown Land at Mong Kok Tsi, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
1	No. 2601	South of Kowloon Island Lot No. 2602, Fa Yuen Street.	N. S. E. W. 100 feet 100 feet 100 feet 100 feet	About 13,120	\$42	\$32,850
As per sale plan.						

G. 2543 R.

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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
2	No. 2602	West of Kowloon Island Lot No. 2601, Fa Yuen Street.	N. S. E. W. 100 feet 100 feet 100 feet 100 feet	About 6,310	\$120	\$15,275
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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
3	No. 2603	Between Kowloon Island Lot No. 2602 and Lot No. 2604, Fa Yuen Street.	N. S. E. W. 100 feet 100 feet 100 feet 100 feet	About 1,020	\$12	\$171
As per sale plan.						

G. 2545 R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 28th day of September, 1931, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of Crown Land at Ma Tau Chung, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
4	No. 2604	Adjoining Kowloon Island Lot No. 2603, Fa Yuen Street.	N. S. E. W. 100 feet 100 feet 100 feet 100 feet	About 1,020	\$12	\$171
As per sale plan.						

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.
Hongkong Bank, \$2,000 n.
Chartered Bank, \$12½ n.
Mercantile A. and B., \$16½ n.
East Asia, \$18 n.

Insurance.
Canton Ins., \$1545 n.
Union Ins., \$525 n.
China Underwriters, \$6.20 n.
China Firs, \$800 n.
H.K. Fire Ins., \$1,485 n.

Shipping.
Douglas, \$24 n.
H. K. Steamboats, \$28 n.
Indo-China, (Def.) \$30 n.
Union Waterboats, \$28 n.

Mining.
Benquet, \$12 b.
Kallans, 27/8 n.
Shai Explorations, Tls. 2 n.
Rauhs, \$37½ n.

Docks, etc.
Kowloon Wharves, \$160 n.
Whampoa Docks, \$30 b.
South China Motors, \$10 n.
China Providents, \$5 n.
Hongkows, Tls. 270 n.
New Engineers, Tls. 6.20 n.
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 103 n.

Cottons.
Ewo Cottons, Tls. 16¼ n.
Shai Cottons, Tls. 100 n.
Zoom lngs, Tls. 13 n.

Lands, Hotels, etc.
H.K. & S. Hotels (old), \$16.50 n.
H.K. & S. Hotels (new), \$16 n.
H. K. Land, \$88 n.
Shai Land, Tls. 40 n.
Humphreys, \$21¼ n.
Realities, \$16.80 n.

Public Utilities.
Tramways, \$23 n.
Peak Trams (old), \$14.75 n.
Star Ferries, \$80½ b.
China Lights, \$25 n.
H. K. Electric, \$81½ n.
Macao Electric, \$23 n.
Telephones, \$44 n.
China Buses, Tls. 17.00 n.
Singapore Traction, 3/9 n.

Industrials.
China Sugars 50 cts. b.
Malabons \$39 n.
Canton Ice, \$7.90 n.
Cement (com.), \$19½ n.
Ropes, \$21 n.

Stores, etc.
Dairy Farms, \$32¼ n.
Watson, \$17.45 n.
Der A. Wings, \$1 n.

LAMMERT'S AUCTIONS

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

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FALSE ALARM OF MURDER.

ROBBERS FRIGHTEN WOMAN.

The police were stirred into quick action at 8.30 this morning on the receipt of news that a murder had accompanied an armed robbery in the Shamshuipo district. Accordingly, a party of C.I.D. officials visited the top floor of 847, Lai-chikok Road, but on arrival on the premises, they were relieved to find that the case was not of the serious aspect they had been led to expect. While an armed robbery had taken place, no-one had been killed or injured. The murder statement cropped into the earlier report through an error on the part of a nervous individual who, on entering the premises after the departure of the robbers, was "shocked" on finding the apparently lifeless body of a woman. Without further investigation, he communicated his impressions of a murder having been committed to the police and caused the elaborate measures that followed.

Had he made a closer inspection of the apparently dead victim, he would have discovered that she had merely fallen into a deep swoon, doubtless through fright when the robbers entered the premises.

The woman had recovered consciousness by the time the police party entered the premises. She told them that she was alone when a knock came at the door and, upon being told that the party who sought admission were electricians sent to look over the electric light installation, she opened the door to admit three men. They made their intentions clear the next minute by brandishing weapons, whereupon she fainted, and remembered no more. The police state that jewellery and money of an undetermined amount was stolen from the victim, who is the wife of a well-to-do Chinese.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET.

OFFICIAL SUMMARY BY STOCK EXCHANGE.

Owing to the erratic movements of exchange our market has been adversely affected, and prices were marked down all round. Banks were obtainable at \$2,000. The London rate is \$29 (Middle). Unions could have been obtained at \$525. Steamboats were on offer at \$28. Waterboats were in demand at \$28. Raubs had sellers at \$37½. Wharves were in the market at \$160. Docks were in request at \$80. S. C. Motors "B" shares were wanted at \$10.95. Providents (old) were done at \$6. and the new shares could have been obtained at \$3.10. Hotels were on offer at \$18¼. Lands after being done at \$48 were still on offer at this rate at the close. Realities could have been obtained at \$16.80. Ewoe, which were reported to have been done to the North at Tls 10¼, closed in demand at Tls. 15.99. Trams were obtainable at Tls 25. Star Ferries were in demand at \$85½. China Lights were on offer at \$29. Electric, after being the medium of sales at \$81¼, closed with sellers at \$81. Telephones (part paid) were dealt in at \$83. Cements (combined) were disposed of at \$19¼, and closed with further sellers at this rate. Ropes changed hands at \$21, and had further sellers at this quotation. Watsons were obtainable at \$17.45. Constructions, cum rights, were on offer at \$13¼.

SILVER FUTURES.

THE LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS.

Messrs. Pentreath and Co. have been advised by cable of the following quotations for New York silver future as at the close of the market yesterday.
December 1931 30.42 up 1.15.
May 1932 30.62 up 1.17.

POST OFFICE NOTICE

INWARD MAILS.
From Shanghai and Amoy Per Nanchang September 24.
Europe via Suez, (Letters and Papers) London, 27th August and Parcel, 20th August Kashmir September 24.
Japan, Shanghai and Europe via Siberia (London, 5th Sept.) Kalyan September 25.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai (Seattle, Sept. 5) Pres. Jefferson September 25.
Japan and Shanghai Asama Maru September 25.
Japan Atsuta Maru September 25.

OUTWARD MAILS.
REGISTERED and PARCEL MAILS are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

For Date and Time
Swatow Thur., Sept. 24, 8 p.m.
Samahui and Wuchow Thur., Sept. 24, 4 p.m.
Saigon Thur., Sept. 24, 4.30 p.m.
Bangkok Thur., Sept. 24, 5 p.m.
Formosa Thur., Sept. 24, 5 p.m.
Amoy Thur., Sept. 24, 5 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. and S. America and "Europe via Vancouver B.C. and "Europe via Siberia Emp. of Asia Fri., Sept. 25, 2.30 p.m.
Registration 2.30 p.m.
Letters 2.30 p.m.
(Due Vancouver B.C. 12th October.)
Hohow, Pakhoi and Haiphong King Yuan Fri., Sept. 25, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow Hai Ning Fri., Sept. 25, 8 p.m.
Shanghai and Japan Kashmir Fri., Sept. 25, 2.30 p.m.
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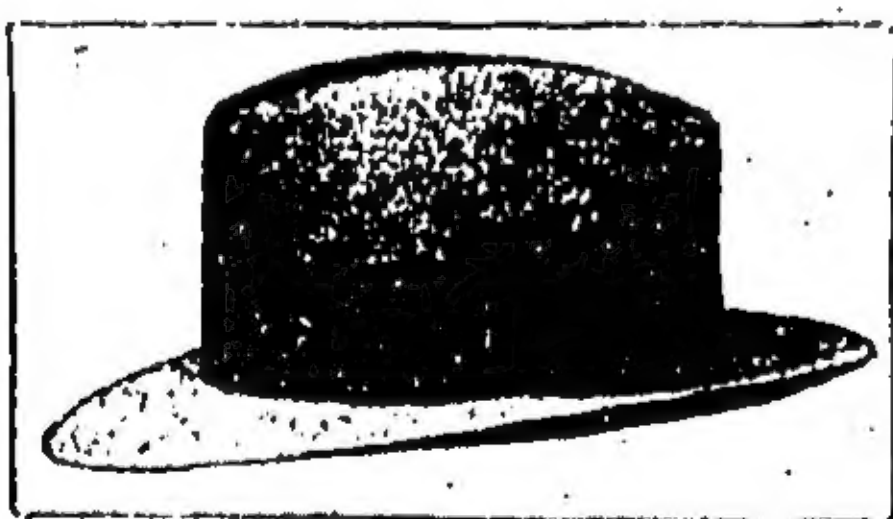
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DEATH.

ROSARIO.—On September 24th, 1931,
at his residence, at St. Joseph's
Building, Polycarpo Antonio
Rosario, beloved husband of
Maria Sequiera Rosario. The
Funeral will pass the Monument
to-day at 5.30 p.m. (Macao and
Shanghai papers please copy).

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

Mrs. L. J. Noronha and family beg
to tender their sincere thanks to all
friends and relatives who attended the
funeral of her late husband and for
the floral tributes sent.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1931.

THE DOLLAR AND STERLING.

The provocative suggestion,
featured in our last night's issue,
that Hongkong's exchange should
be pegged to sterling, inevitably
established a monopoly among
topics of conversation. The last
thing expected by the community
as an outcome of Britain's abandon-
ment of the gold standard was a
proposal, as distinct from any
sort of possibility, that the time
might be considered propitious for
the stabilisation of the dollar in
terms of pounds, shillings and
pence. To say that it came as a
surprise rather understates the
actuality. Moreover, our coura-
geous correspondent goes a great
deal further. He urges the move
as a means, in a small way, per-
haps, of assisting the Old Country
to weather the financial storms of
the months ahead. He deals with
vastly bigger issues than Hong-
kong's dollar quotations, which are
quite incidental to the world prob-
lem of achieving economic stabili-
ty. This he believes will de-
pend upon the success of a free
paper (commodity) standard in a
bitter battle with the metallic
standards for supremacy in mon-
etary structures.

Whether it can truly be said
that such a campaign is already
about our ears is, of course, a
matter of opinion. The United
States and France have cornered
the world's supply of gold but
London freely admits the generous
assistance given, in the darkest
hours of the crisis, in the ineffec-
tual attempt to hold sterling to
gold parity. It may be that
France and America helped to
avert the financial war. It may be
that Britain, forced off the gold
standard, will be obliged, willing-
ly or unwillingly in her own in-
terests, to mobilise all her re-
sources in order to force a decision

in the struggle as grimly pictured
by our correspondent. Equally,
there is the possibility that Brit-
tain's departure from the gold
standard—will bring—selfish in-
terests to their senses. They may
yet draw back from the brink of
the disaster towards which they
have been heading full pelt. An
international monetary conference
may be called in order to avoid a
wrecking clash of interests.

Is it safe, however, to leave
anything to chance in a matter of
such vital importance to the Em-
pire? This, we imagine, is the
question which prompted Mr. X
to make his proposal for pegging
the dollar to sterling. It is a
suggestion which must not lightly
be dismissed. A storm of criti-
cism may be aroused. Exchange
speculators—brokers and banks
included—will assuredly pour the
icest of cold water upon it. Hong-
kong is too closely allied to China
to divorce itself from the silver
standard until China does likewise.
We have heard this before. We
shall hear it again. But what is
the opinion of the Government and
the ordinary member of the public?

We noticed with some surprise
that many residents hailed with
glee the depreciation of the pound.
It had apparently increased the
value of the dollar and they en-
visaged a reduction in the cost of
living. In point of fact, nothing
is farther from the truth. While
the Hongkong dollar has risen in
terms of sterling, it has dropped
heavily in terms of gold. Cross
rates with New York, Paris, Berlin,
Yokohama, Manila, Bangkok,
Saigon and Batavia have gone
heavily against the Colony. Com-
modities from these centres will
cost more. On Tuesday \$100 Mex.
would have purchased G\$24. To-
day, the buyer might obtain G\$21-
50. Only in respect of imports
from Britain (\$5,000,000 last
month) is there likely to be a ten-
dency towards falling prices.

Trade with China, amounting to,
roughly, \$15,000,000 last month,
will be unaffected. But the
Colony's total imports last month
were valued \$60,000,000 and as-
suming August to have repre-
sented a normal average of trade
dealing with the various countries,
it becomes clear that two-thirds of
our imports come from countries
with whom exchange has reacted
to our detriment. The net result
of the fall in sterling, therefore, is
more likely to be an increase in
the cost of living than the con-
trary. It is equally obvious that
many residents of the Colony,
whose salaries are subject to ster-
ling exchange fluctuation, are
destined—provided there is no
dramatic recovery of sterling—to
be hard hit. The conditions of the
moment suggest that they will
suffer reductions in salary while
any decrease in the cost of British
goods—eight per cent. of the
whole of the Colony's importations
—will be more than offset by in-
creases in other foreign commodity
prices.

In these circumstances, there is
much attractiveness in the sug-
gestion that we pin our fortunes
to those of Great Britain. We may
lend some assistance. It is con-
ceivable, as our correspondent ar-
gues, that the step would protect
British trade in the Far East. At
least, the harassed British export-
er when dealing with Hongkong
would know exactly where he stood
as regards exchange. Further-
more it is difficult to see that
Hongkong has anything material
to lose. We are saddled with the
influence of sterling in any event.
The chaotic nature of exchanges
demonstrates that sufficiently. One
stabilising factor might do all the
good possible in the local situation.
We seem likely to lose both ways
at present. A sterling-based dol-
lar might mean steering clear of
one of them. If sterling rises and
the dollar is based upon it, the dol-
lar will rise also—in terms of gold.
In present circumstances, if
sterling appreciates the dollar will
drop heavily. There would al-
ways be fluctuations in foreign
exchanges other than sterling.
Cannot our speculators find sport
enough in these particular fields?

DAY BY DAY

ADVICE IS SELDOM WELCOME; AND
THOSE WHO WANT IT THE MOST, AL-
WAYS LIKE IT LEAST.—Lord Chester-
field.

The P. and O. s.s. Kalyan, from
Shanghai, is due here at 7 a.m. on
Friday.

Three men, one of whom was armed
with a revolver, entered 347, Lai Chi
Kok Road this morning, and, holding
up Leung Chin-man, a married woman,
stole a quantity of money and
jewellery.

A child, 18 months old, was taken
to the Government Civil Hospital by
its parents yesterday suffering from
injuries to its head caused by falling
on a spittoon in the house at 15,
Cantelick Street.

Accidentally falling into the har-
bour at Connaught Road West, a man
named Chan Tai, who was subsequent-
ly rescued, was sent to the Govern-
ment Civil Hospital suffering from
the effects of his immersion.

In our report in yesterday's issue of
a boatman being fined \$15 or two
weeks' imprisonment for having had
an unauthorised number on his boat, it
should have been stated that the
number was painted on the vessel, and
not burnt in, as stated.

Something novel in the way of at-
tempted suicides is mentioned in a
police report this morning. This is
to the effect that a fireman of the
Kowloon Fire Brigade, named Wong
Fat, attempted to take his life by
swallowing a police whistle!

Three boatmen were charged before
the Hon. Commr. Ho, at the Marine
Court this morning, with having their
craft inshore at the Cheung Chau
Ferry Wharf, and on admitting the
offence were each fined \$10 or in de-
fault one week's imprisonment.

During a rowing excursion in the
harbour a boatwoman who was out
with her husband in a dinghy ac-
cidentally fell overboard and dis-
appeared. In making a report of the
tragedy the husband told the police
that he took his wife for a row at
7 a.m. yesterday.

Entrusted with a sum of \$40 which
he was to have taken to the Cheung
Kong Knitting Factory of Nam
Cheung Street, a folk of the Yim San
Dyeing Shop, of Yu Chow Street, is
reported to have disappeared with
the money. His master, Chan Pak-siu,
has reported the theft to the police.

Both hands of a coolie employed at
the Green Island Cement Company's
office, at Hongkong, were severed at
the wrists yesterday whilst the man
was putting on a pulley belt. He
slipped and was caught by the gearing
of the machinery. He was immedi-
ately rushed to the Kowloon
Hospital for treatment.

Owing to counsel for the prosecu-
tion (Mr. H. Somerset Fitzroy) and
Counsel for the defence (Mr. Hin-
shing Lo) being engaged at the
Criminal Sessions, the decision in the
Sincere Company's "free day" pur-
chase summons was adjourned by
Mr. Williams at the Central Police
Court this morning until Saturday.

The staff of the Advertising and
Publicity Bureau has been streng-
thened by the arrival of an artist,
Miss Elsie Shearer. The Bureau's
business has expanded greatly, and
the concern has offices in London,
Malaya and Hongkong, and affiliates
in Shanghai, Peking, Harbin, Sydney
and New York. The addition of an
other capable artist to the staff is a
further assurance that the art of
attractive advertising, so highly de-
veloped in other countries, is to in-
clude Hongkong among its fields.



"You're always kidding me about not going with the
girls. If I had one with me now I could only have one
malted milk instead of two."

AMERICA in the BLIZZARD.

(in the News-Chronicle)

THERE are no constructive
lessons of any real impor-
tance that America has to teach
Great Britain in the economic de-
pression under which American
morale is severely willing.

Looking back during a brief
respite upon my intensive survey
of the great industrial centres and
upon innumerable discussions
with American bankers, econo-
mists, eminent industrial leaders,
newspaper magnates, politicians
—from President Hoover down-
wards—and ordinary citizens, I
make that statement without
hesitation or reserve.

What have we to learn from
the absurd official pretence main-
tained until the Government be-
came a public laughing stock—
that the depression was an illu-
sion or, alternatively, that it had
already ended or would end "in
sixty days"?

What have we to learn from the
hysterical panic which overwhelm-
ed all classes when the bubble of
optimism burst into this air?
From the blundering, wasteful
antiquated methods of trying to
keep millions of unemployed per-
sons and their families from
starving in the midst of plenty?

From the frantic, unco-
ordinated attempts to cut down the
production of the necessities of
life and to stabilise prices by
decrees?

From the collapse, when put to
the supreme test, of mass
production, super-salesmanship,
"scientific" distribution, instal-
ment purchase on a "nation-wide"
scale, and all the other cute pros-
perity devices which were to defy
all economic blizzards all the
world over for all time?

From the muddled ideas of
statesmanship, the confusion of
counsel, the lack of leadership
and the absence of any practical
plans for meeting a prolonged
crisis?

The Gamblers.

Let us be frank and say that
such lessons as may be learned
from these and other elements in
the situation are chiefly for the
benefit of the American people.
They have gambled and gambled
and gambled on the assumption
of an unshakable prosperity.
Only their immense resources and
reserve of wealth could have saved
them in this emergency from utter
ruin.

Our own plight is bad enough in
all conscience, financially and in-
dustrially. If we had indulged
in the orgy of speculation which
afflicted for so long every race,
class and type in the land, from
white millionaires to negro
waiters, we should have disappear-
ed as a world economic unit.

When I was in Chicago I heard
some shocking stories of old
people who had put every penny
of their savings into the real
estate market and other fictitious
values and now own nothing but
the clothes they wear and a few
pieces of furniture. Such stories
could be multiplied by tens of
thousands.

Schemes That Went Wrong.

For these people cheaper food
and the lowered cost of living,
which is still falling, has mean-
little or nothing. For they have
literally nothing. They do not
apply to the local charities. They
depend on the kindness of friends
and relatives in some instances
and in others on such credit as
they can command from the local
traders.

Harassed-looking business men
have denied emphatically in my
hearing that the instalment pur-
chase system has failed under the
stress.

I know better.

In large numbers of cases pay-
ments have continued on radios,
planes, motor-cars, refrigerators,
and other luxuries already pur-
chased. But the people are
making no more purchases.

I have in front of me the print-
ed announcement that the furni-
ture industry has abandoned its
four-million dollars national
home-furnishing programme be-
cause of "lamentable conditions
of business generally and the
furniture industry in particular."
It was to have been a four-year
programme, built on the campaign
slogan: "First furnish your
home."

That is all over and 15 per
cent. of the original manufactur-
ing and retailing subscribers to
the campaign have since gone
bankrupt!

I have been assured also again
and again that the Government
relief work plans are going well.
Yet, at the end of two years, only
60 of these 760 high-sounding
official projects have been com-
pleted; at a cost of 25 million
dollars of the 453 million avail-
able; and for most of the rest
neither the architect's plans nor
the contracts are even in sight.

A poor look-out, therefore, for
the unemployed in the coming
winter. Most local and chari-
table funds are exhausted; and
the Government remains uneasily
passive in the face of insistent
demands from town after town
and State after State for adequate
federal assistance.

Reproaches.

Who can say whether, and if
so in what manner, the American
people will profit by their
dramatic disillusionment? There
is much searching of heart and
a great deal of bitter recrimina-
tion. They call one another and
themselves dreadful names. They
complain that the nation is like
the wartime American army—an
army of lions led by asses.

"We build tabernacles," they
say, "for our religious racketeers;
we let ourselves be swindled out
of a billion dollars a year in
phony stocks; we have the best
radios and the dumbest radio pro-
grammes in civilisation; the best
automobiles and the fewest park-
ing places; the highest paid ac-
tresses and the stupidest moving
pictures."

"We go nuts over Rudolph
Valentino, Lindbergh, Rudy Val-
lee, Gertrude Ederle. We chew
gum. We spit. We chase dollars.
We let the Capones and the
Diamonds make fortunes. We
think like comic strips and talk
like cheap phonographs."

"We let ourselves be gypped by
high tariffs and low politics. We
got all hot and bothered because
the League of Nations is at
Geneva and the British have a
navy. We think we can lick the
world and we've never picked a
fight with anyone our own size."

And to crown all—two years of
business depression, of unemploy-
ment, of wage cuts, of banks
bursting like popcorn, of veterans
playing catch-as-catch-can with
the Treasury, manufacturers play-
ing leap frog with the tariff, and
politicians playing squat tag with
public office; two years of yelp-
ing at Soviet dumping, of gov-
ernment millions sunk in tons of
wheat that can't be sold at a
profit, of misery in the midst of
plenty, of poverty and despair in
the richest country in the world.

There is the true note of baffled,
ironic resentment. It is a new
note in America.

That is how many Americans
now write, and how others talk
to me, though they don't all talk
like that "for publication."

The Resilience of America.

Does it signify impending
changes of major consequence?
Who shall say? From the scores
of social theories, new and old,
now being propounded by wise
and foolish men; a general five-
day week for "labour" and some
systematic form of unemployment
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GUIMARAES GIVES EVIDENCE.

DEFENCE RAISES A NICE POINT.

FORGED NOTE TRIAL

A submission that evidence given in cross-examination by Kong Sze-yik which was damaging Leo Arthur da Guimaraes was inadmissible was made by Mr. Leo D'Almada, junior, for Guimaraes, when the alleged \$7,000 fraud case was continued at the Criminal Sessions this morning, before the Puisne Judge (Mr. Justice Lindell) and a jury.

After some argument on the point, his Lordship reserved his decision and decided to take the evidence, Mr. D'Almada saying that if he found, when he consulted authorities, that he was wrong, then he would apply for leave to withdraw the submission.

Mr. Somerset Fitzroy is prosecuting for the Crown, while Mr. Hin-shing Lo is for Kong Sze-yik.

No \$1,000 Rake-off.

Kong Sze-yik, the first accused, cross-examined by Mr. Fitzroy, said he introduced the subject of forged notes to Wong, who said that his father-in-law was in business and he would approach him and ask him if he (the father-in-law) wanted to buy the notes. Witness further said that, at that time, he did not know how much he would get out of the transaction. He denied he obtained \$1,000 as his "rake-off." The European told him, through an interpreter, that the actual amount which would be received would be \$5,500.

His Lordship:—Where was your commission coming from? That is the point?—My commission would be paid outside the \$5,500.

His Lordship:—But how?—The European said that when the transaction was put through he would give \$500 to Wong To-po and \$1,000 to me.

Mr. Fitzroy:—Yes, but where was it coming from?—The purchaser was to pay this sum.

Purchaser to Pay.

His Lordship pointed out that, according to accused's story, Wong To-po's father-in-law was the purchaser of the notes.

Mr. Fitzroy:—Then who was to pay you the \$1,000?—The purchaser.

And was the purchaser to pay Wong \$500?—Yes.

Who was to inform the purchaser of this arrangement?—Nobody informed the purchaser.

According to your story, you received this from the European and not from the purchaser?—The purchaser gave the money to the European and the European gave the money to me.

His Lordship pointed out it was clear that he purchaser was to pay \$7,000, of which sum \$1,000 was to go to first accused and \$500 to Wong, this arrangement being arrived at without the purchaser's knowledge.

Later in the cross-examination, Mr. D'Almada submitted that any evidence given by accused against his client (Guimaraes) would be inadmissible and quoted from Russell and Archbold in support of his contention. There were two minor points in examination-in-chief but he felt he must now object. He pointed out it was laid down that unless a pardon had been granted or a *nolle prosequi* entered, the evidence of an accomplice was not admissible as evidence against another accomplice when they were jointly charged on the same indictment.

Submission Contested.

In contesting the submission, Mr. Fitzroy said it was raised before Sir Henry Gollan some two years ago when a similar thing happened. The evidence went on and there was no question.

His Lordship:—That doesn't prevent it from being raised now.

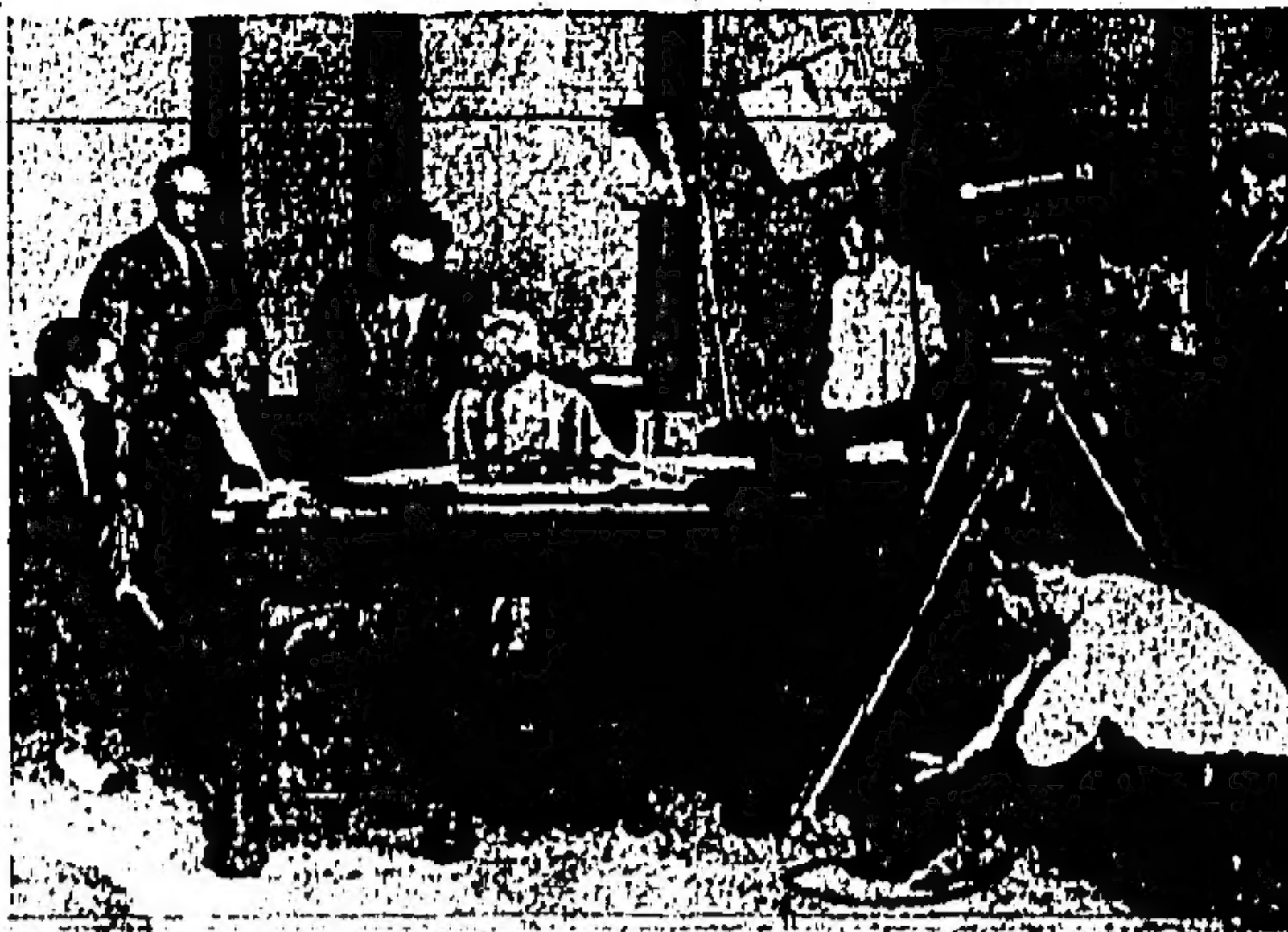
Mr. Fitzroy:—No, it doesn't, but I am merely saying that these cases were before the Evidence Act of 1898. I didn't call this accused and I couldn't call him. He is a competent witness and I am entitled to cross-examine him in any way I choose, although the value of his evidence is another matter, of course.

His Lordship, to Mr. D'Almada:—Have you found any authorities?—I have not looked up cases because I thought that these quotations were enough.

His Lordship:—I am very doubtful whether they cover the case.

Mr. D'Almada submitted that the Crown could not cross-examine an accused person to elicit evidence damaging against an accomplice on the same indictment. The fact that the Crown had not called accused did not matter because the object of making the provision was to prevent the Crown from waiting until an accused person gave evidence on his own behalf and

NO DENIALS AFTERWARDS.



The American police are applying the talking-picture for crime-prevention. Our photo shows a criminal's confession being recorded.

then eliciting the evidence desired, instead of doing some such thing as pardoning him and calling him as King's evidence.

Inducement to Lie.

Counsel pointed out an additional reason for that provision that there would be a strong natural tendency for the accused person giving evidence to throw all the blame on his accomplice, thereby inducing him not to tell the truth, whereas if he were pardoned and called as King's evidence such inducement would be gone.

In reply, Mr. Fitzroy pointed out that he had not called accused, and referred to it as a "monstrous proposition" and "ridiculous on the face of it." Since the introduction of the Criminal Evidence Act a man was entitled to give evidence if he so desired, and as soon as he had given evidence he was open to cross-examination. The argument was based on cases before the Criminal Evidence Act and applied only to the Crown calling an accused person as a witness.

His Lordship said he was inclined to think that the sections of Russell and Archbold referred to could not be made to apply to the witness in the box, whereupon Mr. D'Almada asked his Lordship to reserve the point for consideration by the Full Court.

His Lordship remarked that if there was any real substance in the argument there must be authorities.

Mr. D'Almada replied that if his Lordship would reserve the point he would go into the authorities and if he found he was mistaken he would ask leave to withdraw the point.

His Lordship:—Well, at present I will reserve my decision at that request and take the evidence.

Guimaraes in Box.

Mr. Fitzroy completed his cross-examination of first accused at noon, and Leo Arthur da Guimaraes then gave evidence. He said he had lived in Calne Road with his mother, brother and other relatives during the last fifteen years. Though he was Hongkong-born, he had never made a study of Chinese, and he could only speak a few sentences which he picked up. He could not carry on a long conversation.

On July 24, he returned from business for tea, when his mother told him there were some Chinese downstairs. She said she was tired of his brother's ways of associating with such people, and she asked him to go and turn them out of the house. He replied he could not be bothered, as it was only the week before he had turned them out. His mother was very angry, and he also lost his temper.

Up to No Good.

Witness then told his brother he was going to put a stop to it once and for all. He then turned to the others, asked them what they were doing, adding that he suspected they were up to no good. He then took their names, informing them that he would report the matter to the police.

His brother asked him not to kick up a row with his friends. He asked his brother to go upstairs and have the matter out with him once and for all. They left the room together, but his brother refused to go upstairs.

Later they left together to go down to the town, and called in at Lane, Crawford's for a drink.

There, his brother told him that nothing was wrong, and that he was not doing anything unlawful. It was a delicate matter and required secrecy. He also assured witness that he would try and keep from meeting the people in the house.

Suspicious of Brother.

In reply to Mr. Leo D'Almada, witness denied that he told the Chinese in the room that he was

BURGLAR CAUGHT IN KOWLOON.

LADY RAISES AN ALARM.

Awakened from her sleep about 4 a.m. to-day, Mrs. E. Owen Murphy, proprietress of Empress Lodge, Mofo Road, Kowloon, found that a coolie had entered her room and was searching a chest of drawers. She immediately raised an alarm, and the coolie dashed from the room. He leapt over the wall into Mofo Road into the arms of an Indian constable who had been attracted by the noise, and grappled with the coolie. Several other policemen and residents arrived and a shot was fired.

The coolie was eventually arrested and taken to Tsimshatsui Water Police Station, where a charge was laid against him.

MIDAS ON THE GOLD-HEAPS.

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the streets almost daily. Chinese civilians allege they have been subject to assault and in some cases their residences have been ransacked.

Mukden is facing a disastrous food shortage. The panicky feeling since the Japanese occupation still prevails. Japanese military parades and air manoeuvres on the day when Japanese officials assumed control of the Municipal Government have further aroused resentment.

It is alleged that the Japanese have issued posters and handbills which declare the purpose of permanent Japanese control of Mukden.

The same correspondents confirm the report regarding the complete annihilation of three battalions of Chinese soldiers at Changchun. Chinese casualties at Kirin and Changchun are estimated at 500 to 600.—*Reuska.*

"HONGKONG NATURALIST" ISSUE.

The September issue of *The Hongkong Naturalist*, just issued, contains a wealth of interesting matter, with a profusion of illustrations, including several coloured plates.

Major H. P. W. Hutson continues his series on "The Birds of Hongkong," dealing this time with the stone-chat and the bush-chat, whilst Mrs. E. A. Aymer writes interestingly on "Bird-Watching at Weihaiwei." Soame Jennings, in an article on "Our Local Oyster," remarks that according to a Hongkong jeweller small pearls are from time to time brought to him by the country people of Taiipo.

Dr. G. A. C. Herklotz gives a further valuable contribution on "Orchidaceae of Hongkong," and Mr. A. H. Crook writes on plants not indigenous to Hongkong which have come to stay, remarking that many have been so long under domestication that their original birthplace has been lost sight of.

Amongst a variety of other matter, there is a further contribution by Chia-jui Shen on "The Crabs of Hongkong," and H. W. Fowler writes on the herring and related fishes of China.

a police inspector. He was suspicious of his brother because, on the previous Saturday, his mother told him that a man had called to see his brother stating that his brother had defrauded him of money. The man refused to leave the house, and his mother appealed to witness to turn him out, which he did.

He denied that he had any connection with his brother and the Chinese or that he was a party to a conspiracy to obtain money by fraud, or that a certain sum of money which he had placed in the bank the following week was part of the profits of such an endeavour.

The case is proceeding.

INDIA PROBLEMS DISCUSSED.

SIR SAMUEL HOARE INTERVENES.

PRINCES' POSITION.

London, Sept. 23. Lord Sankey announced at to-day's meeting of the Federal Structure Committee that there would be a meeting of the Minorities Committee next week. It is anticipated that the Committee will conclude consideration of the four headings tabulated by Lord Sankey, and which have been under examination during the past few days, by noon on Friday, and their Chairman will proceed to draft a report on the discussions.

To-day, the discussions were resumed upon the question of the strength and composition of the Federal Legislature, including the proportions in each Chamber to be assigned to the States and British India respectively.

Sir Samuel Hoare, Secretary of State for India, intervened in the discussions this afternoon, when he said he was just as anxious to see an effective All-India Federation brought into operation as he was last Autumn. He would regard as one of the conditions of such Federation, sufficient representation of the Princes and their effective participation, at a reasonably early date, as one of the absolute conditions of the constitution, but as to the percentages, numbers of seats and other matters, he would rather hear the views of others at the Board Table. For himself he was, however, nervous of making the Chambers too big to be of manageable size.

Views were subsequently expressed by Mr. Sastri, Sir P. C. Mitter, Mr. Zafarullah Khan, Sardar Ujjal Singh, the Chief Sahab of Sangli, Mr. Gavin Jones and Dr. Ambedkar.

To-morrow the Committee will start on a discussion of the difficult subject of Federal finance as between the States and Provinces of the Central Government.—*British Wireless.*

'COUNTESS' IN DOCK.

(Continued from Page 1.)

Criminal Intelligence detailing the case, said that the woman was given an official letter in Bangkok, an Emergency Certificate being issued to her last year by the Bangkok Ministry for Foreign Affairs, which had now run its course, but which in any event would not have any validity here.

A.D.C.I.'s Objection.

The Hongkong authorities considered her as an undesirable. While in Bangkok last year she sought permission to come here and applied to the Colonial Secretariat, which application was rejected on his (Mr. Booth's) recommendation. Notwithstanding this, Bulanova came down to Hongkong this year and saw Mr. G. C. Perdue and also engaged a solicitor. She was told she could not stay here and returned to Bangkok.

Expelled From Bangkok. Sometime afterwards, the Siam authorities expelled her from Bangkok as an undesirable, and she again came to Hongkong. To his knowledge she had been here three times. The Police knew that within the last month she had been back here twice and this time they arrested her and, deciding not to deal leniently with her again, had put her on the charge-sheet.

The Magistrate (to accused):—You admit what he said is correct?—Yes.

Then you were very foolish to come here.—I only came here for 24 hours. I was going away by the same steamer on which I came.

Flying Visits. Mr. Booth:—She came here from Canton on the s.s. Taishan. We know she had made three flying visits to this Colony. We don't know how many more of these flying visits she had made.

Mr. Booth mentioned that she had been staying at the Palace Hotel.

His Worship (to the accused):—You cannot do that unless you have a valid passport. Bulanova was fined \$50.

Mr. Booth asked his Worship to make an expulsion order, which was done.

His Worship:—Do you understand it?—Yes, I do, very well.

The Countess left the Court without further remark.

END OF SUMMER TIME.

CHANGE-OVER A WEEK HENCE.

London, Sept. 23. Summer Time in Great Britain ends on the third of October, when all clocks will be restored to normal Greenwich Time, being placed an hour forward.—*Reuter.*

RADIO BROADCAST

CHINESE CONCERT FROM THE STUDIO TO-NIGHT.

The radio programme to be broadcast by Z. B. W. on a wavelength of 355 metres to-day is:

6.00-8.00 p.m. European Programme of Victor and H. M. V. Records kindly supplied by Messrs. S. Moutrie and Co.
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1st Movement-Allegro moderato.
2nd Movement-Andante con moto.
M. 16.
7.00 p.m. Stock Quotations, Mail Notice.

6.27-7.07 p.m. Variety.

Humorous Song-Over the Garden Wall.
Humorous Sing-I'll be Good Because of You. Gracie Fields. B3600.

Song-Paris, Stay the Same. Song-You've Got That Thing. Maurice Chevalier (Baritone). 22204.

Gems from "Whoopie." Victor Light Opera Company. 35009.
Organ Solo-When Summer is Gone. Organ Solo-Where the Shy Little Violets Grow.

Jesse Crawford. 21876.
Song-Blue Yodel No. 3. Song-Yodeling Cowboy. Jimmie Rodgers with Guitar. 22271.

7.07-7.33 p.m. A Concert. Song-My Little Nest of Heavenly Blue (Spach-Lehar). Song-Twilight (Hamilton).

Maria Jeritza (Soprano). 1234.
Duet for Two Pianos-Valse (Arensky) From "Suite for Two Pianos." Duet for Two Pianos-Impromptu-Rococo (Schubert).

Harold Bauer and Ossip Gabrilowitsch. 8162.
Song-Death and the Maiden (Schubert).

Edvard Chalopin (Bass). 7116.
7.30-8.00 p.m. Gilbert and Sullivan Selections.

The Gondoliers. H. M. S. Pinafore. Pirates of Penzance. Iolanthe.

The Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards. C1273, C1283, and C1358.
8.00 p.m. Local Time and Weather Report.

8.03-10.30 p.m. Chinese Studio Concert.
10.30 p.m. Rugby Mid-day Press News.

10.35 p.m. Close Down.

AMERICA IN THE BLIZZARD.

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insurance may conceivably emerge. But I am thinking of possible changes in the mental attitude of the American people to the wider problems of life.

"We are a nation of gamblers," said a distinguished American citizen to me some days ago, "and we shall always gamble. We shall forget this hit on the jaw six months afterwards and start gambling again until there is another collapse and we panic again."

America will certainly recover from the depression sooner than any other country; with somewhat chastened feelings, a temporarily lowered standard of living and countless innumerable family tragedies; but with a full consciousness of her natural resilience and enormous latent wealth. She may become again incredibly rich while other nations remain poor and struggling competitors. But she can never again be secure.

Thoughtful Americans confess that this is the lesson their country needs most to learn. The average American citizen has never stopped to consider that God's own country might, through as simple a thing as a sudden drop in price levels, become the devil's own land. He looks astonished if you suggest that her vast alien populations may one day present America with one of the most formidable problems in modern civilisation.

The average American still lives on solemn platitudes of the Samuel Smiles era. He is, in fact, rather a solemn fellow. He plays solemnly. He even laughs solemnly. To my surprise, I have found him more solemnly monosyllabic than the average Englishman. He worships material prosperity and personal success with a solemn snobishness unequalled by the social snobishness which he affects to despise in English life.

He is quick-witted; and he loves experimenting on a large scale and can afford to do so; because in a country of superabundant wealth the margin of safety seems so wide that a few mistakes can soon be covered up and made good.

He has thriven on success, on good times always getting better. Now, in these bad times, he is visibly at a loss.

His Samuel Smiles philosophy, his facility for experimentalism, his prosperity slogans, even his President and his Constitution—all have failed him.

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important subject.

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by C. S. M. Creek.

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Cpl. Clark, Cpl. Dinnie, L/Cpl.
Oliver, Ptes. Blair, Orr, Bell, Moss,
Drm. Davis, Pter. McKay, Partridge,
L/Cpl. Browning, Whitley, Nelson,
Pter. Buhann, Gould, McKellar, Rich-
ford, Cpl. Lensek, Ptes. Kildane, Tracey,
Smith, Smith (68), Crawford, Mc-
Queen, McKay.

Hon. instructors' certificates were
gained by Cpl. Medd, L/Cpl. Sherrin
and L/Cpl. Gray.

LOCAL FOOTBALL.

The Third Division game be-
tween Radio Club and Chinese
Athletic, will be played on the
26th instant, on the Chinese
ground at Happy Valley, kick-off
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the shoulder without bending the
left knee naturally.—ART KRENZ.

TOKYO'S MAYOR.



Mr. Hidejro M. Nagata,
Mayor of Tokyo, pitching the
ball at the recent inter-city
baseball championship contest.

LEAGUE TENNIS.

K.C.C. WIN LAST MIXED DOUBLES.

Although bad light prevented the
teams from completing the whole
nine sets, sufficient play was possible
to allow of a definite result in the
K.C.C. v. Berrelo match in the Mixed
Doubles League yesterday, the K.C.C.
winning by five sets to one, with three
unfinished. Scores:

E. C. Fincher and Miss Daziel
(K.C.C.) lost to Barretto and Miss
Ribeiro 4-6; beat V. Yvanovich and
Miss Osmund 7-5.

E. F. Fincher and Mrs. McTavish
(K.C.C.) beat Noronha and Miss
Botelho 6-3; beat Yvanovich and Miss
Osmund 6-2.

A. E. Guest and Mrs. Kew (K.C.C.)
beat Barretto and Miss Ribeiro 6-4;
beat Noronha and Miss Botelho 6-2.

NEW RUGBY CLUB.

KOWLOON TEAMS TO PLAY TRIAL MATCH.

The Kowloon Rugby Club will play
a trial game on Saturday, commencing
at 5 p.m., with the following teams:

Whites.—Franklin, Francis, Whit-
loy, Lt. Keith Murray, Ferguson,
Burnett, Kilby, J. E. Wilson, Witchell,
L. Graham, Brokenshire, A. N.

Other, Gurevitch, Purvis, Edwards.
Colours.—White, Bonham, J. M.
Wilson, Riddell, Murphy, Dr. Cogan,
Bergant, McNeider, Crozier, James,
Black, King, Jenner, Blumenthal,
Skinner.

Reserves.—Dormer, H. Gregory,
Smith, Bickford.
Referee, Mr. G. F. Rees.

LAWN BOWLS.

NEXT MONTH'S INTERPORT MATCHES.

News has been received from
Shanghai by the Hongkong Lawn
Bowls Association regarding the play-
ing of the interport matches next
month. The dates are Saturday
October 10, Wednesday October 14,
and Saturday October 17.

The information was received in a
letter from Mr. Glover, Vice-President
of the Shanghai Bowls Association to
Mr. A. O. Brown, President of the
Hongkong Association, and in addi-
tion gave the names of the team
chosen to represent Shanghai. They
are: Messrs. Peck, Stormes, Glover
(captain), Medina, Main and Richards.
Mr. Glover stated that Messrs.
Peck, Richards and himself would
proceed to Hongkong on September
30 by the B. and S. steamer Tai Yuen,
while it was probable that Mr. Medina
would sail at an earlier date. Messrs.
Main and Stormes had not yet decided
on what steamer they would make the
trip.

Mr. Glover added that he had read
with interest in the Hongkong news-
papers of the arrangements that had
been made for the visit of the Shang-
hai team, and agreed that the number
of fixtures arranged was most satis-
factory.

Other fixtures which will be played
between Shanghai and Kowloon,
Victoria and the second division team,
will be arranged to take place during
the week ending October 17.

Open Championship.

On the Craigengower C.C. green on
Monday J. Laing of Talkoo beat A.
Hyde Lay of the Kowloon C.C. by 21
shots to 12. Scores:

Hands	Shots	Total	Hyde Lay	Shots	Total
1	1	1	1	1	1
2	1	2	1	1	1
3	1	3	1	1	1
4	2	4	1	1	1
5	1	5	1	1	1
6	1	6	1	1	1
7	1	7	1	1	1
8	1	8	1	1	1
9	1	9	1	1	1
10	1	10	1	1	1
11	1	11	1	1	1
12	1	12	1	1	1
13	4	13	1	1	1
14	3	16	1	1	1
15	3	19	1	1	1
16	1	19	1	1	1
17	1	19	1	1	1
18	1	19	1	1	1
19	2	21	1	1	1

PING PONG TOURNAMENT.

LIST OF FORTHCOMING FIXTURES.

Forthcoming matches in the local
men's ping pong championship are as
follows:

Sept. 25.—Kong Chan to v. Chung
Wing-kwong at the Confucian As-
sociation; Lee Yau-sing v. Lee
Chun-kai (Fukien Association).

Sept. 26.—Wong Kum-hay v. Poon
Sai-Kit (Hin Kun School).

Sept. 27.—Lee Tai-hung v. Lai Pul-
lum (Nam Mo Athletic Ass.).



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TO SANDAKAN	Hinsang Yunsang	Thurs. 24th Sept at noon Sun. 4th Oct at noon
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STOCK EXCHANGE REOPENS.

BUSINESS AS USUAL IN LONDON.

London, Sept. 23. "Business as usual" was the motto of stockbrokers when the Stock Exchange reopened this morning, with a record large attendance.

After some preliminary uncertainty regarding the trend of business, with prices of many securities more or less nominal, dealings were resumed freely.—*Reuter.*

Reactions Abroad. Copenhagen, Sept. 23. The Danish Government has placed an embargo upon the export of gold.—*Reuter.*

Brussels, Sept. 23. It is learned that drastic measures to check the slump in Belgian securities include the formation of a consortium of leading bankers, backed by a thousand million francs, to support the market, if necessary.

Bombay Bullion Panic.

Bombay, Sept. 23. Rumours of a heavy depreciation in sterling caused a panic in the bullion market this morning. Gold was quoted at 24.2 rupees a tola and silver at 49 rupees a bar, for first settlement, compared with 47.11 on Monday, but the rates were merely nominal and no business was done.

It is believed the closing of the exchange is imminent.

Cotton opened at 162 rupees a brough for April-May, which is eight rupees higher than was expected.—*Reuter.*

GENERAL ELECTION OUTLOOK.

TARIFF ISSUE AGAIN TO FORE.

London, Sept. 23. The decision as to whether there is to be a general election, with consequent Cabinet reconstruction is in abeyance awaiting the return of Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, who is suggested in one quarter to be using the interim to cogitate upon his destiny. There is a growing Conservative belief, however, that he will appeal to the country on the tariff issue during the last days of October, thus discarding the attempt to carry through the present Parliament a detailed scheme of tariffs which would probably break down under the strain of Parliamentary procedure.

Meanwhile 26 of the 58 Liberal M.P.s have now offered to support Mr. MacDonald, while the unrest in the Labour camp is exemplified by a Parliamentary Labour meeting yesterday, evening, when according to the newspapers, Mr. Arthur Henderson, who was bitterly assailed, indignantly denied reports that he was negotiating to join the National Government and threatened to resign owing to lack of confidence in his leadership.—*Reuter.*

IRISH OR BRITISH.

APPEAL TO BUY HOME-MADE GOODS.

London, Sept. 23. The Irish Free State President, Mr. Cosgrave, appeals to his people to buy home-produced goods, failing which they should buy British goods, and also appeals to British people to reciprocate.—*Reuter.*

TREVESSA TROPHY.

DUTCH ENTRANTS SWEEP THE BOARD.

The bi-annual boat race for the Trevesa Trophy, which took place at North Point yesterday afternoon, proved a great occasion for the Dutch steamer Cremer, whose two entrants, boat No. 8 and boat No. 7, came in first and second out of a field of eleven boats.

The event attracted a large number of spectators, who followed the race in launches. Among those present were His Excellency and Lady Peel, Commodore A. H. Walker, Mr. H. T. Cressy, Mr. E. W. Carpenter, Mr. A. Cameron, Mr. A. H. White, Capt. Skinner, Capt. Lumsden, Capt. Laurensen, Capt. Lovegrove and many others.

A fine piece of sailing and rowing in which the crew showed rare stamina and endurance, to win by about a quarter of a mile from the second boat, was put up by the winning boat No. 8, coxswain Mr. Huyding.

The boats lined out to a good start. The tide was at an ebb and a light westerly wind was blowing, which



Refugees, who fled from their homes in Idaho, when a raging forest fire threatened their lives, are shown here encamped with their household goods on the edge of the great blaze.

was somewhat to their advantage. No. 8 got off with a flying start, which she maintained until the end. She rounded the Kowloon Rock about 200 yards in front of entrants from the Empress of Asia, Kowloon Docks and a.s. Hai Ning. The other entrants from the Kwangchow, Foshing, Klungchow, Takada, Hinsang, Cremer and Kwelyang brought up the rear.

The second stage of the race between Kowloon Rock and the first boat-mark was interesting owing to a hard fight between the Hai Ning and the Empress of Asia entrants. The latter had the better fit, but was not destined to enjoy her triumph for long, as the other Cremer entrant, which had been lagging behind, came up and overtook her at the mark boat off Cunt Rock Beacon. The Hai Ning entrant, which had come up, was next challenged in the run home, and the Cremer No. 7 went on to win the second place.

The time recorded by the winner, No. 8, was 45 mins. 46 secs., while No. 7 recorded 54 mins. 30 secs.

The Dutch entrants have now won the competition seven times since its inauguration in 1924, when they gained their first win. They enjoyed a run of four successes between April 1925 and November 1927. The last time a Dutch entrant won was in

MR. A. S. ABBOTT.

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Mr. A. S. Abbott, manager of Messrs. Kelly and Walsh, Ltd., in Hongkong has been appointed manager at the head office in Shanghai.

Mr. Abbott leaves Hongkong on board the Empress of Canada on October 12, and will assume his new duties immediately upon arrival in Shanghai.

Hailing from Devonshire, Mr. Abbott joined the firm of Kelly and Walsh in 1921, and was appointed manager of the Hongkong branch three years later. He has been stationed in Hongkong except for a few months in 1927, when he managed the Singapore business.

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THE MANCHURIA CRISIS.

MAY HEAL NANKING-CANTON BREACH.

LEAGUE'S APPEAL.

Tokyo, Sept. 23.
The War Office has issued a statement that nothing is known regarding the reported despatch of troops to Harbin.

The latest press despatches, however, state that aircraft has been sent to reconnoitre in the direction of Harbin.

The Foreign Office has made a statement that the Japanese Consul at Harbin has asked the Foreign Office to prevent the despatch of troops to Harbin, as the residents consider it better to evacuate Harbin if necessary.—*Reuter*.

Japanese Leave Nanking.

Nanking, Sept. 23.
News of the League's action regarding Manchuria has been very welcome and has had a calming effect here, where anti-Japanese feeling was threatening to get out of hand.

A mass meeting of 100,000 this morning demanded that the Government immediately mobilise. The Japanese community here evacuated for Shanghai this morning.—*Reuter*.

Japanese Leave Hangchow.

Shanghai, Sept. 23.
The Japanese community from Hangchow arrived here this morning.—*Reuter*.

Troop Movements.

Tokyo, Sept. 23.
A message from Manchuria states that owing to the anti-Japanese feeling Japanese residents have concentrated in the Consulate.

A message from Mukden states that according to a statement by General Honjo, a strong detachment has been sent to Tunhua, at the extremity of the Kirin railway, for the protection of Korean residents.

Further Occupations.

Another report from Mukden states that it appears certain that Chongchiatun has been occupied and Japanese detachments are marching to Tungling and Taonan.—*Reuter*.

The Soviet Complaint.

Nanking, Sept. 23.
Chang Hauchang has telegraphed to Chiang Kai-shek denying reports of a Soviet troop movement on the border, but adding that the Soviet Consul at Harbin has made representations to the Japanese Consul there that Japanese military movements were hindering the operation of the Chinese Eastern Railway.—*Reuter*.

Japan Says "Hands Off."

Tokyo, Sept. 23.
Owing to Japanese insistence that the Manchurian affair is not a war but "an incident" arising out of the necessity of protecting the rights and interests which China is alleged frequently to have violated, it is generally intimated that the Government will not consent to the invocation of the anti-war pact, the League or other third party, as it considers it is purely a matter for settlement between China and Japan.—*Reuter*.

League's Appeal.

London, Sept. 23.
The following is the text of the telegram sent by M. Lerroux to

the Chinese and Japanese Governments:

"I have the honour to inform you that at a meeting to-day devoted to the Chinese Government's appeal under Article Eleven of the Covenant of the League of Nations, in connection with the situation in Manchuria, the Council of the League of Nations has unanimously authorised me:

(1) To address an urgent appeal to the Governments of China and Japan to refrain from any act which may aggravate the situation or impede a peaceful settlement of the problem.

(2) To endeavour in consultation with the Chinese and Japanese representative to find an adequate means of enabling the two countries to withdraw their troops forthwith, without safety to the nationals and property being endangered.

(3) The Council has further decided to forward the minutes of all meetings of the Council and documents relating to this question to the Government of the United States of America for its information.

I am firmly convinced that, in response to the appeal which the Council has authorised me to make to you, your Government will take all possible steps to prevent the commission of any act which may aggravate the situation or impede a peaceful settlement of the problem. I am about to begin the consultations contemplated with the Chinese and Japanese representatives, with a view to execution of a settlement. For these consultations, I have obtained the assistance of representatives of Germany, Britain, France and Italy.

The message is signed.—"Lerroux, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Spain, and President in office of the Council of the League of Nations."

The decision to convey full information relating to the dispute to the United States Government has been carried out.—*Reuter*.

Japan's Attitude.

Tokyo, Sept. 23.
It is authoritatively learned that a statement of the Japanese attitude on the Manchurian situation has been drafted by Baron Shidehara and is now being considered. It is hoped it will be ready for publication within a day or two, when a copy will be sent to Geneva.

Meantime the Government is considering the League's communication, to which it is expected a reply will shortly be sent intimating Japan's readiness to withdraw her troops to the railway zone, where they are entitled to be under treaty rights, but emphasising the necessity, first, of negotiating with China without the intervention of a third party regarding guarantees of peace and order and safety of Japanese lives and property.—*Reuter*.

Withdrawal Considered.

Tokyo, later.
Commenting on the League resolution regarding Manchuria, the War Minister to-day intimated that Japan is prepared to withdraw to the railway zone "as soon as circumstances permit." He emphasised that Japan under the treaty was entitled to maintain 16,500 men in Manchuria, whereas at present there are only 14,000 there.—*Reuter*.

Position Clarified.

Tokyo, later.
Following a conference between the Premier and the Foreign, War

and Finance Ministers, the "big four," the position in Manchuria has been unexpectedly clarified by a Foreign Office spokesman asserting that, to the best of his belief, all the troops have now been withdrawn to the South Manchuria Railway zone, except those in the native cities of Mukden and Changchun, and two companies policing Kirin. It is possible also that there is a small detachment at Tunghua.—*Reuter*.

Nanking Denial.

Nanking, Sept. 23.
The Government spokesman characterises as groundless reports from Tokyo that China has proposed a joint Sino-Japanese commission to investigate the Manchurian affair, and Mr. Yoshizawa's similar allegation at Geneva this afternoon.—*Reuter*.

Chiang Reciprocates.

Nanking, Sept. 23.
The prospects of peace between Nanking and Canton are highly promising. A telegram from the Canton leaders was received here this morning announcing that they desired peace, and Chiang Kai-shek immediately instructed Chen Ming-shu to go to Canton with a personal letter from Chiang to the Canton leaders, making an eloquent appeal for unification and peace.

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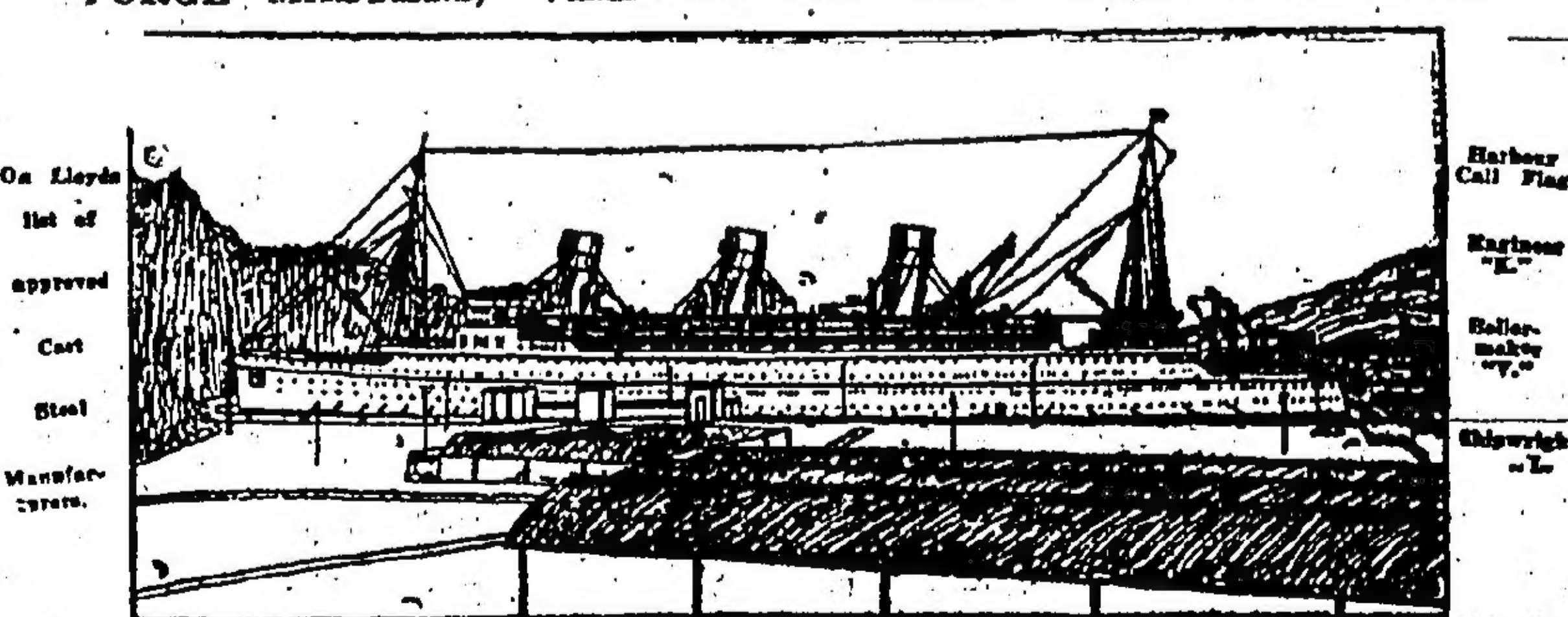


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NALDERA	16,000	10th Oct.	S'hai, Kobe & Yokohama
KASHGAR	9,000	17th Oct.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
TALMA	10,000	23rd Oct.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
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BARONET SENT TO ASSIZES.

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into Conversion Loan," said Mr. Palling, "they transferred the War Loan Stock to their nominee, and later transferred out of his name a similar quantity of Conversion Loan."

To avoid creating suspicion in the mind of one of the victims, said Mr. Palling, Wheeler and Company on May 1, 1930, wrote her: "With reference to your holding of £600 Five per Cent. Conversion Loan, this holding entitles you to five months' interest on May 1. We accordingly enclose a cheque for £9 13s. 9d., being the amount due to you."

On November 1 another cheque was sent in respect of the dividend.

Buying Stock.

Mr. Palling said the second group of summonses referred to people who entrusted cheques to the firm for the purchase of War Loan.

The cheques received, alleged Mr. Palling, were paid into Wheeler and Company's accounts and the proceeds used by Wheeler and Company in its business. Wheeler and Company, he said, received complaints from people that they had not received the certificates in respect of the conversion of their stock. The replies that they gave rather suggested that the delay occurred at the Bank of England. The Bank heard of the matter and communicated with Sir Arthur.

An interview took place on March 11, 1930, at the Bank between Sir Ernest Harvey, Deputy Governor, Mr. Walker, Chief Accountant, Sir William Leese, the Bank of England solicitor, the Treasury Solicitor, and Sir Arthur Wheeler.

Sir Arthur stated then that he was doing his best to liquidate the position.

Letter From Sir W. Fisher.

Later a letter was addressed to him from the Commissioners of the Treasury stating that serious complaints had been received by the Bank of England from persons who had had transactions with him, of delay, and consequent postponement.

"It has been assumed by the complainants," the letter stated, "that the delays in question are due to lack of diligence on the part of officials of the Bank of England. Investigation shows that this is without foundation."

The delays, the letter stated, were solely due to delays on the part of the company. They could only be described as habitual, and the Commissioners were bound to take a serious view of the matter.

They were willing to inquire whether this practice had ceased, and they asked whether Sir Arthur would be willing that an accountant should examine his books.

"You must understand," the letter concluded, "that their lordships' future action will depend on the action you take in the matter."

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JAPAN DISSENTS.

Washington, Sept. 23.

The United States favours the Italian proposal for a one-year naval building holiday, declares Mr. H. L. Stimson, but will expect to continue the present destroyer construction programme under any agreement reached in this matter.

At Geneva to-day, Mr. Hugh Gibson, on behalf of U. S. A. accepted the truce in naval construction after Lord Cecil had made a statement in accordance with Mr. Baldwin's announcement in the House of Commons.

In the absence of the Prime Minister, Mr. Baldwin had told a questioner that the Italian proposals for a truce had been followed with great care by the United Kingdom.

General Acceptance Needed.

Instructions had, as a result, been sent to Lord Cecil to the effect that he could agree to the naval proposals subject to their acceptance by all other Powers and that he should give an undertaking on behalf of the British Government that they would not increase the army or air force estimates for 1932-33 above their present low level unless unforeseen circumstances arose.

The British Government were in cordial sympathy with the motive that prompted the suggestion of the Italian delegation. It would create a favourable atmosphere for the World Disarmament Conference and they would do all they could to further it.

Lord Cecil's Suggestion.

Viscount Cecil, at Geneva to-day, proposed that all States declare by November 1 what they were prepared to do for the work of pacification.

There were only two dissenters. Japan urged postponement until the Disarmament Conference. Poland wanted full guarantees from her neighbours.—*Reuter and British Wireless.*

The letter was signed by Sir Warren Fisher.

Sir Arthur's Reply.

Sir Arthur Wheeler, replying in his own handwriting, said that no such inference as that the delays were due to the Bank of England had ever been made by his firm, and where any such suggestion had been heard of it had been promptly corrected. He had taken drastic steps which he was confident would remove the cause of complaints and any recurrence of them.

With regard to the suggestion of an investigation, he added that

HOME FOOTBALL SURPRISES.

WEST BROMWICH WIN AT MANCHESTER.

London, Sept. 23.

In an international league match at Blackpool to-day, the English League defeated the Irish League by four clear goals.

In the league, West Bromwich Albion advanced to second place in the table, a convincing win at Manchester enabling the jump, while Everton also made progress.

The full results of yesterday's league games follow:

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Hartlepool	2 Southport 1

MANCHURIA OUTLOOK.

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with the exception of Copenhagen, where it now stands at over twenty shillings, the pound to-day was worth slightly less than yesterday.

Foreign Exchanges.

The position in the London Foreign Exchange Market was practically unchanged and rates were again more or less nominal.

Among the latest nominal rates were:

Paris, 105	New York, 4.14
Milan, 83.6	Berlin, 18.5

Silver spot price was 16 1/4 and forward, 16 3/8ths.

The Governing Committee of the New York Stock Exchange has rescinded the ban on short selling of sterling.—*Reuter and British Wireless.*

WEATHER REPORT.

The Royal Observatory reports that the typhoon is about 200 miles E.N.E. of Foochow, moving N.E. The anticyclone remains central to the S.E. of Hokkaido.

he was of opinion that no useful purpose would be served by it. "It is clear on the evidence," said Mr. Palling, "that both defendants had a very full knowledge of what was going on. Certainly Sir Arthur was no mere figurehead. It was he who controlled the office, and it is he who takes all responsibility for what was done."

On March 3 last, defendants filed their petition in bankruptcy.—*Reuter and Ez.*

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Mr. Ma Man-fai presided at a meeting held on Tuesday afternoon at Sincere's Roof Garden, when a number of prominent local merchants were present.

It was stressed that the field of labour to bring relief to flood sufferers was immense. They were to be numbered in millions and only a gigantic effort could achieve any sort of success.

Mr. Ma urged an unremitting effort in Hongkong to secure donations. The speeches were broadcast.

AN UNREGISTERED MUI-TSAI.

WIDOW FINED THIS MORNING.

So Kun-han, a widow residing at 84, Percival Street, was summoned before Mr. Schofield at the Central Police Court this morning for having an unregistered mui-tsai which she had brought from the country.

Inspector H. Fraser, the specially-appointed inspector of mui-tsais, informed the Court that the woman had brought the girl from the country owing to the unsettled conditions there. She had been in Hongkong for one month and on hearing that registration was necessary, the girl was taken to the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs where she was told that the girl could not be re-registered. A fine of \$25 was imposed.